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Introduction

There could be no more timely moment for the publication of the Richard Somers' papers.

More than a century ago, Commander Richard Somers, native son of old Gloucester County, challenged the despotism of the Pirates at Tripoli; challenged them in the name of Freedom and, in the name of the United States of America. He gave his life in a cause that was just and in a cause that was victorious.

Today, the youth of our County and State is again challenging the viciousness of the modern day despots and again, that challenge by free men is being made on the northern stores of Africa—at Tripoli!

It is no mere coincidence that in this modern day men like Richard Somers are giving their all—their lives—that freedom may live. The tradition of Richard Somers, South Jersey man, is being carried on and the tradition of Southern New Jersey, that cradle of freedom, will be further enriched by the deeds of our armed forces today—at Tripoli and elsewhere throughout the world.

This pamphlet is humbly and affectionately dedicated to the man who has done more than any other man, living or dead, to further a proper understanding of the rich history of Southern New Jersey. We pay this modest tribute to our President Emeritus, the Honorable Frank H. Stewart, who has given, without stint, of his time and fortune, for the preservation and wider knowledge of our mighty Historical Heritage.

HUGH L. MEHORTER,
President, Gloucester County
Historical Society.

April 12, 1942

Mr. Raymond C. Archut
Woodbury, N. J.

Dear Raymond:

Enclosed is an account of the Somers papers by their donor, H. Clifford Campion, Jr. These papers seem to have been a part of several other lots of papers pertaining to militia and legislative matters, I have purchased within the last few years. Unfortunately I was never able to learn the story of the rare records I bought as Mr. Campion did with the Somers papers.

Mr. Okey told me that young Lieut. Richard Somers was at work helping to survey the large tract of land at Mays Landing when the courier reached him, to report to take command of the Nautilus. I think the fact was mentioned in a lawsuit, an account of which is in the Wharton estate papers.

Somers, Decatur and Lawrence were close friends and two of them received their appointments in the U. S. Navy on the same day, possibly thru the recommendation of General Franklin Davenport, of Woodbury.

Sincerely yours,
FRANK H. STEWART

Somers

The first of the name to come to the Colonies was John Somers, who bought a tract of land in the Northern Part of Philadelphia County between Bustleton and Byberry.

He married in Friend's Meeting (1685) Hannah Hodgkin and removed from Philadelphia County to Great Egg Harbor about 1690, taking up 3000 acres of land at what is now known as "Somers Point."

He wrote his Will in 1721 and it was probated in 1739; his eldest son was Richard Somers who inherited the "homestead."

This son Richard Somers married Judith Letart who is said to have been an orphan and a native of French Arcadia. He died in 1761 leaving a Will and divided his land among his children. His son, Richard Somers, Jr., was born on November 24, 1737 and died October 24, 1794; he married in 1761 Sophia Stilwell born 1741 died 1791, the daughter of Nicholas Stilwell, Sr. and his wife, Sarah Hand, who lived across the Great Egg Harbor River at what is now known as "Beasley's Point."

Richard Somers was a prominent man in Great Egg Harbor, Gloucester (now Atlantic) County; he was a member of the Provincial Congress from New Jersey in 1775; and was an active patriot in the early part of the Revolution; and a Colonel in the State Militia. He was what might be termed a merchant seaman, having a store at Somers Point and owning several coasting vessels. Owing to his prominence on the part of the Colonies, his home and business were exposed to attacks from the sea by the British. He and his family removed to Philadelphia after the evacuation of that city by the British, where he remained to within a few years of his death.

He did not reside in the present Somers Homestead, which was occupied by his oldest brother, John, but he resided about one mile North of there, in a house now long since removed, where his children were born. The only remaining evidence of the location is a private family burying ground to be found in a playground of a public school, surrounded by a stone wall, about two blocks to the West of the Main Street in Somers Point; here he and his wife, and his daughter Sarah Keen, and two infant children are buried and have memorial stones.

His children were:

1. Constant Somers, the eldest, who married by license August 20, 1790 Sarah Hand, daughter of Jesse and Sarah (Leaming) Hand; died shortly before he did on February 22, 1796.

2. Sarah Somers born December 31, 1772; married Captain William Jonas Keen of Philadelphia who died about 1811; she died at an advanced age in 1850 in Cape May County.

3. Richard Somers, whose papers follow, was born on September 15, 1778 and was killed September 4, 1804.

4. Edward Somers, who died young.

5. Jane Somers, who died young.

That Master Commander Richard Somers was a skilled Navigator seems to be proved by the volume which is now in possession of the Gloucester County Historical Society but which formerly belonged to his brother Constant, which contains in long hand a great many problems on surveying and navigation and is interesting reading; no doubt he studied from this book

when in the possession of his brother who also was a merchant seaman and conducted a store succeeding his father at Somers Point.

The first of the papers which follow is his Oath of Allegiance when he joined the Navy as an Ensign, and the last paper, is an Inventory of his Personal Estate taken up by his fellow officers the day after he was killed. Upon the return of the Fleet, these papers were evidently passed into the hands of his sister, Mrs. William J. Keen, who then lived in Philadelphia. It might here be said that William J. Keen was a cousin, in some degree, of Commander John Barry and it is the writer's thought that probably through this connection he was induced to join the Navy as a Midshipman.

William J. Keen, his brother-in-law, was a merchant seaman and was in partnership with Savage Stilwell, Richard's first cousin, and it is quite possible he first was employed as an Officer on one of this firm's trading boats which sailed out of Philadelphia.

It is also interesting to note that Stilwell and Savage were agents for the crew to obtain prize money from the United States Government to be distributed among the crew, as appears in the following papers.

Mrs. Keen long survived her husband living on North 9th Street in Philadelphia until about 1845 when, on account of advancing years, she went to reside with her niece Sarah (Somers, Leaming) Corson who lived in Cape May County, and was the daughter of her brother Constant Somers and Sarah Hand, his wife.

This niece Sarah Hand first married Lilliam Leaming, the son of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Yates) Leaming and by him had a daughter Julia Leaming who married December 29, 1842 Reuben Townsend, and these papers evidently descended to Julia Leaming Townsend whose husband resided in Cape May City where he conducted a Livery Stable for many years; she survived her husband dying at an advanced age.

These papers were in the cellar of the house which was rented for a number of years by his heirs who were nieces and nephews and when the house was sold they were taken by some unknown person and sold to a gentleman in Bridgeton from whom the writer purchased them and presented them to the Society, so that the authenticity of these records is well vouched for.

The cipher book on surveying and navigation, above referred to, came from the same source and was purchased by the writer from a dealer in this material and also presented to the society.

By: H. Clifford Campion, Jr.
April, 1942

Richards Somers' Oath of Allegiance as Midshipman When He Joined the U. S. Navy, May 8, 1798.

I Richard Somers appointed a midshipman on board the Frigate United States.

Do solemnly swear to bear true allegiance to the United States of America, and to serve them honestly and faithfully against all their enemies or opposers whomsoever; and to observe and obey the orders of the President of the United States of America, and the orders of the officers appointed over me, and in all things to conform myself, to the rules and regulations which now are or hereafter may be directed, and to the articles of war which may be enacted by Congress, for the better government of the Navy of the United States—and that I will support the Constitution of the United States. So help me God.

Sworn before me,
May 8, 1798: Richard Peters, Judge of the Pennsylvania District of the United States.

Letter to Richard Somers from Robert Smith, Secretary of the Navy, Ordering Him to Take Command of the Nautilus, Dated May 5, 1803.

Navy Dept.,
Robert Smith,
Lieutenant Richard Somers,
Phila.,
Pa.

Navy Dept.,
May 5, 1803

Sir:

You will immediately repair to Baltimore and assume the command of the United States Schooner Nautilus.

Very respectfuly,
I am Sir,
Yr. ob. Serv.,
ROBERT SMITH

Lieutenant Richd. Somers,
Phila.

Receipt of John Heath, seaman, for moneys advanced by Richard Somers, Lieutenant, September, 1800.

Rec. Sept. 1800 of Rich. Somers, Lieutenant of the Frigate United States, Thirty-four dollars in full for two months' advance pay as Seaman on a said Ship.

$34.00 JOHN HEATH

Run Money Refunded.

Captain Richard Sommers

Case of Jno. Gavino? Esquire, Giorbraltar.

Com. of the U. States Schooner Nautilus Serving in the Mediterranean

Baltimore, Sept. 9th, 1803

Sir:

The wife of your armorer called on me a few days agoe, and stated that she was left by her husband without any provision, to support Two children, that her husband had promised her a power to Secure monthly a sum of money for her support, and that you had told her that the powers would be executed and sent to me—As nothing of the kind has reached me and as the women appears decent, and is much to be pitied if her is true, I have thought it a duty to make you the above report, in order that she might be provided for, by her husband sending the necessary powers by the first opportunity to the United States.

It will give me great pleasure to receive a line from you—and with a tender of my respect to the gentleman of the Nautilus—

I remain

Very Respectfully,

Your JOHN STRICKER

Bill of Richard Somers from James McAlpin, Navy Uniforms, etc., various dates in 1800.

John Stricker, Navy Agent.

Baltimore 21, 1803

Lieut. John Young, Dr. On

To making 14 Suits of colors for the United States Schooner Naultius:

3 Jacks 3 Pindants

3 American Ensigns
1 English Ensign
1 Portugal Ensign
1 Spanish Ensign
1 Neapolitan Ensign
—
7 Suits at 6$ 50 cts.— $45.50
1 French Ensign
1 Dutch Ensign
1 Sweedish Ensign
1 Tripolitan Ensign
1 Tunisian Ensign
1 Moorish Ensign
1 Algerian Ensign
—

7 Suits at $4.50—	$31.50
Muslin for Stay Thread used	3.25
6 yds. Having stiech for Topping C 33 cts.	1.98
66 yds. Scarlet bunting C 23½	17.23
59 yds. Red bunting C 19½	11.67
42 yds. Whiter Whits C 20	9.33
105 yds. Blue C 19½	22.77
66 White 17	12.47
46 yds. Green —19½	11.95
12 yds. Yellow —19½	3.10
	$170.75

Letter undated, from John Woodside to Lieutenant Somers, armed Schooner Nautilus.

Sir:

I beg leave to request the favor your taking charge of the inclosed and forwarding it as directed or as when the information you may receive in the Straits—in the Mediteranean, shall be thought best.

I am Sir very respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant,

JNO. WOODSIDES

P. S.—The parented cares of a father (Mrs. Cathans? Cathart) will plead an excuse if one should give thanks necessary unless the pleasure is being instramental in—the happiness of parents and children should superceede the necesity of any apoligy.

Lieut. Sommers of the Arm Schooner Nautilus.

Order to Midshipman Wm. Miller

June 17th, 1803

Wm. Miller

Sir:

You will on receipt of this immediately repair on Board, and wait orders.

Sir I am with respect your Obed. Ser.

ROBERT SMITH

Bill from John Stricker, Navy Agent, dated June 16, 1803.

Dr. Col. John Stricker (Navy Agent)

1803 To Jeremiah Capoot

June 16 For

44 Eighty gallons casks 675 cts	297.00
21 forty do — do 5$	105.00
8 Liquor casks 450 cts	36.00
12 do — do 4$	48.00
6 do — do 250 cts	15.00
3 thirty gallon casks 4$	12.00

2 Buoys 4$	8.00
2 Flause — Tuby 2$	4.00
2 Pump — Carri 1$	2.00
4 Pails 1$	4.00
12 Bucketts 75 cts	9.00
14 Rids	4.00
14 Grog — Carri 75 cts	10.50
12 Regs 1$	12.00
1 Steep Tub	5.50
1 Funnel	1.50
	$580.00

For the Schooner Nautilus Richard Sommers, Esq., Commander.

Letter of May 17, 1803 to Lieutenant Richard Somers from Robert Smith, Secretary of the Navy.

May 1803

Sir:

I have received yours of the 25th inst.

MR. GIBBON

Ass pr— being here, has received a duplicate of the orders in your possession for. In order to prevent delay as to.

———

Navy Department
John Smith

Lieutenant Richard Somers
Baltimore
Navy Dept.

24 May, 1803

Sir:

It has been found expedient to make a different arrangement of some of your officers.

Mr. Tripps is ordered to join the Vixes as Acting Lieutenant. Wm. Cox will join you as Sailing Master. Wm. Gibbon has been ordered to the Frigate Philadelphia, as to Mr. Spotswood has been dismissed the services. The officers now attached to the Nautilus are

Decatur, Reed—Lieuts.
Cox—Sail Master
Jacques—Surgeon
Tootell—Perser
Marcellin, Pazz, Thompson—Mid Shipmen

Letter From James Decatur.

Phila., May 23, 1803

Friend:

I am rejoissing that I have received yesterday orders to join you. I shall come on as soon as Benbridge arrives. Excuse me for not saying more but give my love to Nephen —.

I remain with respect your
Obe Servant
JAMES DECATUR

Letter to Robert Smith, Sec'y of Navy dated May 20th, 1803 from Lieutenant Richard Somers.

Baltimore, May 20th, 1803

Sir:

The enclosed letter in yours of the 17th I caused to be delivered to Mr. Richardson, soon as possible, he having not joined the Nautilus.

And yours by Mr. Jacques appointed him as Surgeon. Mr. Spottswood, Wm. Gibbons have not yet joined the Nautilus.

I have the Honor
Your Very Respectfully
Most Obe Servant
RICHARD SOMERS

Letter to Lieutenant Richard Somers from Robert Smith, Secretary of Navy.

20th May, 1803

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 18th inst.

You will consult with Cox. Stricker appoint a Boatswain Gunner, Sailmaker, Carpenter, for Schooner Nautilus. Let me know their names when you have selected them.

I am respectfully,
ROBERT SMITH

Letter Dated May 23, 1803 from Richard Somers to Capt. Wm. Bernbridge of Schooner Nautilus.

Baltimore, May 23, 1803

I received your instructions for planning the different oppartments of the Nautilus. All has been formed as you Decited accept. That of the Magazine and Arttin the trunk entirely very often examining find that—is sharp about there. There will be more room for the maggazine of cutting the trunk entirely away from the magazine to her shaft.

The former is toping away from a shaft. Will cause the cabbin to extend so far forward to sink the floor to a propper height. The hole —— for the cabbin this being so sharp and will cause the wardroom to be so far forward as to spoil the stowage in the hole for the latter. I find that the so shaft under her quarter the timbers coming straight and extends so sloot off as to leave no room only for a private maggazine as you direct, for to

have all my cartridge boxes full and ready at hand.

I have taking the trunk to the cabbin which will be clear of the guns, the magazins I cause to be under the cabbin, and well coppered and shall make small lockers in the wings of the magazines to hold twenty Rounds—the wordroom will not extend as far forward as the main mast to allow 2 lengths of Births on the starboard side a bicad room on the Starboard a gunner carpenters storeroom with a space between for Signal Son thorns to be at hand, and under neath forward of the —— will be the shot ——.

I have received the guns carriages ——and——only two of the gun carriages fit the mount the guns they must have been for four pounders and short sixes the Briching Sachels are —— and —— Such are the stores, to fit a —— for a twelve months cruise.

The work is going on with all possible despatch.

The Honor to be Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
R. S.

Letter Dated May 18, 1803, to Secretary of the Navy from Richard Somers.

Baltimore, May 18, 1803

Sir:

I received yours of the 16th and shall pay due respect in appointing midshipmen Martin Nates, as promotion agreeable to yours.

You write for my progress on the equipment of the Nautilus.

Coll Stricker has not been in town since my arrival, until yesterday—The Rigger Sailmaker have been constantly employed likewise the Joiner is laying the platform, forward for birthing the people—since Coll Stickner's arrival we have made the necessary arrangements for the magazine wardroom Store rooms—I shall make all possible despatch in the equipment, and soon as ready to open Ridenz avove, shall Immediately inform you—

Lieut. Reed has reported
Midshipmen
Wm. Roberson
Lisdale Sergt
Spottswood have not reported

In yours of the 12th there is no mention made of the Warrant Officers, such as Boatswain, Gunner, Carpenter, Sailmaker.

Letter to Richard Somers from Robert Smith, Secretary of Navy, May 17, 1803.

Navy Dept., May 17th, 1803

Sir:

If Wm. Richardson should not have joined the Nautilus, you will, after reading the enclosed, Seal it cause it to be delivered by one of the midshipmen under your command. This Officer who has not been in service since the commencement of the present warfare with Tripoli, being now and ordered into service, has conceived it expedient not to obey the order for such disobedience, were I to call a court marshal, he might posably would be sentenced to be shot.

But this not being the object. The intervention of such a Tribunal is not necessary to determine whether government ought or ought not to detain in service a warrant-Officer who has been ordered to join a Public vessel.

I will not obey the order. Such a course of proceeding would be subjecting the authority of the superior to the control of the inferior. This young man it seem has an idea that he ought to be appointed a Lieutenant, when in truth, such a promotion could not be made without dishonoring many meritorious midshipmen who hold older warrants and who in all issential points, are greatly his superior.

Turgid indeed must his ideas be of himself if he imagines that he has higher metessions to promotion shair—Galloway, Gadidon Leonard, Polk, Heath, Trippe, Com, Bainbridge, Perry, Gardner, who have older warrants—who have all with great honor to them selves been almost constantly in actual service during the present warfare with Tripoli.

You will herewith receive enclosed a list of the officers older than William Richardsen who have been in service, with dates of their respective warrants.

I am respectfully Sir
Yr. Mo Ob Ser.

ROBERT SMITH

Letter of May 17, 1803 to Lieutenant Richard Somers from Robert Smith, Secretary of the Navy.

17th May, 1803

Sir:

Two Surgeons Mates have been ordered to join the Nautilus but one being considered sufficient. I have

this day written to Doct Lisdale revoking my order to him—and Doct Jacques who has already joined will have charge the crew of the Nautilus, Surgeon & will be entitled to the pay & rations of that station while he continues to act in it.

I have the honor to be
Your Most Obe. Servant.
ROBERT SMITH

Letter May 16, 1803 to Richard Somers from Robert Smith, Secretary of the Navy.

May 16, 1803

Sir:

You will appoint the Master's mates of the Nautilus, from the midshipmen attached to her—and as I wish that such appointment shall be considered as a promotion, you will select the most meritorius paying due respect to date of warrant in cases where there may be an equality in merit—I have ordered midshipmen Gibbons & Thompson to join you.

I am respectfully Sir
Your Most Obe. Servant
ROBERT SMITH

P.S.—It will be agreeable to me to hear from you oftener—reporting any changes you may be making in the equipment of the Nautilus.

Letter dated May 15, 1803 from Lieutenant Richard Somers to Robert Smith, Secretary of the Navy.

Baltimore, May 15, 1803

Sir:

W. Capson midshipmen Wm. Tootell purser reported themselves to me.
Lieut. Robinson
Reed
Surgeon Lisdale
Midshipment Richardson
Midshipmen Spottswood
have not come on. .....

I have the honor To be Sir
Yours respectfully,
RICHARD SOMERS

Letter of May 12, 1803 from Robert Smith, Secretary of the Navy, to Richard Somers.

12 May 1803

Sir:

I enclose a letter for W. Jos. Richardson midshipmen ordering him to place himself under your command. Be pleased to deliver it to him.

I have the honor to be Sir your
Most Obed. Servant
ROBERT SMITH

Order from Robert Smith, Secretary of the Navy, to Commander Somers in regard to appointment of Officers—dated May 12, 1803.

12th May, 1803

Sir:

The following officers have been ordered to place themselves under your command—

Lieutenants
Robinson
Reed
Surgeon Mates
Lisdale
Jacques
Purser
Tootell
Midshipmen
Richardson
Spottswood
(one name cannot be read)
Cassin
Pazz
Woodsides

You will give me information as these officers join you reporting such as do not.

You will also inform me as soon as you are ready to open Rendezvous for _____.

I have the honor to be respectfully Sir your most obe Servant,
ROBERT SMITH

Bill from Helm and Johnson for articles supplied to the carpenter United States Schooner Nautilus, June 15 (probably 1803).

June 15	
2 for planes C 3-6;	
2 Jack planes C 2-9	£0.12. 6
2 single iron smoothing Du;	
1 Dbble Iron Du 3-6	0. 7. 6
1 Pair Plowing, Grooving planes & 2-9 11/;	
2 ps hollowers Round C 3-9	0.18. 6
3 bead planes C 2-9;	
1 Ag Planes C 21	0.10. 3
2 Rabit Planes C 2-1;	
1 Tenant Saw 7/-	0.11. 2
1 Sett C. S. Gouges C 3-9;	
2 ps Carpitt pincers C ½	0. 6. 1
1 Screw Driver C 8;	
1 Saw Sett C c8	0. 1. 4
2 Mortice Chissels C ½;	
3 Large Star files C ¼	0. 6. 4
3 lbs Round Files C c8;	
1 Set C. S. Chissels C ¼	0. 5.10
1 Socket gouge ¼ £9½;	
1 Socket gouge ¾£ C 8	0. 1.5/2

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½ Doz Socket Chissels C 7/6;	
2 Screw augers 7/8 C 1/3	0. 6. 3
3 Pod augers 7/8 £ C 1/3;	
1 Pod augers ¼ C 1/9	0. 5. 6
1 Do Do ½ C 8½;	
2 Do Do ⅝ C ½	0. 3.0½
1 Do Do 2£ C 2/6;	
1 Large hammer C 1/5	0. 3.11
1 Pump hammer C 6;	
2 Hatchetts C 1/11	0. 4. 4
2 Drawing Knife 13 £ C 1/1;	
3 hand Saws 26 Ins. 48	0.16. 2
2 Compass Saws C 4;	
6 pairs Large Cumpase S. 3½	0. 3. 9
2—2 foot Rules with C 2£6;	
24 hand Saw files C	20. 9. 0
2 Straws Nale Gimbletts C ¼;	
10 spike Gimblets C3	0. 5. 2
2 Large spike Gimblets C 5;	
2 Lygnum Sicta Mallets C ¾	
1 pitch Ladle S C 7½;	
4000—4 Clauts C 2/10	0.14. 3
4000 pump tacks C 1/6;	
1000 Inch Sprigs C 1/9	0. 7. 9
1000—2 in. Sprigs C 2/10;	
1000 ½ Inch Do C 2/1	0. 4.11
6000 S Cupper Nales, 30 C 3/;	
6 Chalk lines C 4	1. 0. 0
62½ pump Leather C 9;	
37u chalk lines C ½	2.11. 6
1 Do Dble bow padlock, C 18/;	
24 Doz wood Screws C 3½	1. 5. 0
12 pair brass hinges £ C ½;	
6 ps butt hinges C 4	0.16. 0
6 pair Iran H Do C 6;	
6 Screw hasps C 9	0. 7. 6
	14.12. 2
Advance 185 p Cent	27. 0. 6
	41.12. 8
1 pitch pot 1 8/9;	
1 turkey, hane 12/6	1. 11. 3
30—6 £ Spikes C 1/;	
30 lbs. Nales C 1/1—	
20—20 Nales ½	4. 5. 10
40—10 Nales, C ½;	
20—8 Nales ½;	
26—6 Nales C ¼ ½	5. 5. 9
30—7 In Spikes 1/;	
30—4 In Spikes C 1/;	
7 Bugs for Nails	3.10. 6
1 Grind Stone 18/9;	
2 papers Ink powder C ¼	1. 1. 5
6 quires writing paper C 1/;	
10½—¼ quills C 2/4	0.13. 7
Carpenters Stores received	£58. 1. 0

of Helms & Johnson

Gunners Memorandum of Stores

40	crowbares
64	hand spikes
40	Fathom three inch rope
49	do Briching do
9	double 9 inch
12	single do do
8	double 7 in do
7	Single 7 do do
16	ram heads
5	Spare gun carriages
20	lb Spun yarn
2	gun locks
5	lb copper tacks
6	quimblets
1	pair pinchers
2	cartrage moldes
1	pair Halbardes
9	Spring heads
37	Ladles
5	iron wormes
16	Tope Sunges
1	W. Gun Slings
22	Mussel Baggs
4	sides leather
48	Tommey hawkes
9	Spare tacle Blocks
56	Cuttlas
30	Spare tomkins
28	Salt Boxes
32	gun malets with Spikes
16	Iron Port Cleats
6	Space bead Coinet
6	Signal lantornes
16	— do round
3	Side—do do
2332	round Shot—12 lbs
459	do do—9 lbs
539	double head—12 lbs
85	do do—9 lbs
750	Lance Graze—12 lbs
50	do do—9 lbs
22	Boxes grape—12 lbs
70	Stock do—12 lbs
9	Boxes Canester—12 lbs
6	dodo—9 lbs
24	fieer buckets
9	Iron firnes not complete
12	Craf blunder buss
63	French muscat baionetts
16	Muscates of different kind
38	pistol cartridge boxes
42	costuch ditto
28	Woodain Spunges
6	Boxes buck Shott 100 lb.
400	French muscatt baales
84	lb. pommafittey candles
11	doz. avurnes or
140	Flanen cartrages
38	port fier—
95	primeing wices
29	Mach —
3	doz. port fiers
4	lb. twine

4 do thread
50 lb. chork
70 do mach ropes
99 White Seanes Marling
15 lb. Tallose
1 pair Scales Weights
17 Sheap Skines
28 quier paper
21 gd Blue flanen
73 do Lead do
1 Shott ladle
36 Pouder horns
42 Cartrage Boxes
Boat Forward
40 yd Duck
25 gun tacle hooks & thimbles
6 tomkins
2 fides
7 loger head
1 pair bellowes
12 Marling Spikes
10 locks no key
1 goat Skin
75 feet 2½ rope
1 hand hose
6 mallets
2 scrubing brushes
1 pair Sheap Shears
1 pair Shott Moldes
1 Commandess
20 pair copper hoops
2 hammers

Bill to Richard Somers, Commander, for blocks, rope, tackle, and lumber for Schooner Nautilus from William Jackson, dated May 10, 1803.

United States Schooner Nautilus
Richard Somers Esq Commander,
To Wm. Jackson, Dr.

1803 May 10	
To—11 inch thick block, at 89;	
2—8 do do at 34	3.35
5 pins & casing, 6 mortases 70 cts;	
4 shears at 020	1.50
1.11 inch double 1.11 Inch Single block bushed at 306.	3.06
1.12 do, 1.12 Inch Single block Bushed at 35.	3.57
10 pins at 07. 2 thick at 94.	2.58
2.5 inch double blocks at 044.2.5 do.	

Affidavit, unsigned, in regard to Captain McNiells' conduct. No address or signature.

On the Third of January 1802 while lying in Malaga Roades Captain McNeill informed me that it was his orders that Wm. Wadsworth should go on shore & purchase cork for Tompian, & Nunbuoys, which orders I accordingly delivered proving to his going on shore. M. W. waited on the Captain, he then went on shore in the Jolly boat with Lieut. Wyer who was to select the cork, proper for the purpose, the Boat he intended to have kept untill he procured the cork.

The cutter shortly afterwards, went on Shore with Lieut. Jenckes & Amory, whom I requested to send off the Boat, immediately after there landing it being wanted to sweep for an anchor lost, & to request W. Wadsworth to send off the Jolly Boat, which was wanted to paint under the Head (missing) a boat for all of them, and the corks, at six o'clock it then being quite calm and heavy swell from the South and Eastward—or before it the wind should comefair.

The Boats were accordingly sent on Board. Capt. McNiell came on board after dark say about Six oclock having dined on shore with the Consul. On Seeing him returning to the Ship I ordered the Jolly Boat on Shore for the gentlemen, on passing Captain McN. he ordered her on Board again—on his coming on board, I informed him what the boat was going after, and the reason—he ordered the Ship under way immediately and forbid the Boat from going on Shore—I observed to him that the Boat would have more than sufficient time to go, and return, while the Ship was unmooring—he how ever persisted in refusing permission for the boat, to go after the gentlemen, and immediately gave orders to have her hoisted up.

The Ship got under way about nine oclock.

Immediately after Captain McNiell came on board. It came on to blow, and before we got under way blew a gale of wind.

The next day Captain McNiell sent to the Ward Room for Mr. Jenckes, and M. Wadsworth to dine with him but was informed that they were left at Malaga.

(Compiler's Note: Further search has proven this case happened aboard the Frigate Boston.

Letter of September 26, 1800 from Margaret Bartles. Address on said letter to his Excellency John Barry, Esquire, commander of the United States Frigate.

Philadelphia, November 26th 1800

Hon.d Sir:

My son James Marshall has been en-

listed and conducted on board of the Frigate United States in what station I do not know. He is no sailor. He is only 15 years and 6 months old. I have been indisposed sometime and during my illness my son has been persuaded from my house.

Thus ucomptaneed I trust I shall find relief from your justice and generosity.

The brave are always humane.

I have been told that you deacited your officers not to enlist minor children at all without the consent of their parents, guardians or masters. And I have been told that a contract with an infant is void.

But my boy is on board your ship. Shall I be told to seek redress from the law of my country. I trust not. My application shall be to you alone in whose justice I confid. I am informed that my child thus persuaded from his home is sick on Board the Frigate.

Be pleased to make my case your own a moment. Though poor I have all the feelings of a mother. My child is as near and dear to me as the child of the most affluent to his parents.

Though I am confident my boy, would be as well ussed on board your ship as one of his sailors and information can expect, yet to part with him in this way I cannot bear. His youthful innosence renders him an easy prey to this intemprate & vicious——.

In fine I picture to myself the most deplorable consequences from his remaining in his present situation. Impocessed with a belief that my request will be favorably received by your justice and humanity.

I trust the duties of your station do not requier a dissmisal. Your character for benevolence humanity & justice an fine pledges is my favour and your compliance will be received with the warmest gratitude by

Your Excellency's
Most Obedient Servant,
MARGARET BARTLES

Comodore Barry

P. S.—If it should be thought right that the money, which has been advanced to my son should be expaid before he may be discharged I will endeavor to comply with that condition.

M. BARTLES

Copy of report of Richard Somers written on Frigate Boston, November 30, 1801.

Harbour of Le Orient
Frigate Boston

November 30th, 1801 I was informed at about forty five minutes before nine o'clock p.m. that there was an American ship on shore out side of the harbour to the Eastward of the Light.

RICHARD SOMERS

Alphabetical list of the crew of the Frigate Boston.... Daniel McNiell, Esq., Commander.

Names—Rank—Remarks

A
Anthony, John

B
Bradford, James, Surgeon Mate
Brimmer, Daniel
Bennet, John
Bennet, Pardon, 2d Mate
Brown, Lawrence, 2d Mate
Brown, Mellacca, a Seaman
Burnes, James
Blackwood, William, Ordinary Seaman
Boyce, William, Hospital, Malta
Barry, John, A. B. Seaman
Baily, Nathaniel
Bird, Asherton
Bell, George
Berbanks, Thomas
Butten, James
Brown, Pero
Bewell, Henny
Burgoyn, Stephen
Burrows, William, Midshipman
Bwor, Benjajmin, Supernumerary, Malta

C
Cox, John, S. H., Lieut.
Cobb, Henny, Midshipman
Carr, Benjamin, Coxs. Mate
Coleman, John, Boatswain Mate
Cooper, Elisha
Cornelius, George
Cammeron, George
Cooper, John
Carney, Dennis
Cockman, Cornelius
Cartey, Mogue
Coleman, Aaron C.
Cook, Job
Eveitmin, David
Carr, John
Crombe, David, Supernumerary from Adams
Cambridge, Wm., 2 Master
Comklin, Isaac, O Lea from Adams

D
Daniels, John, 2d Gunn
Davis, John, 2d Gunn
Davis, Benjamin
Day, John
Donivan, John
Duncan, James
Decature, James, Act Lieut., Joind Adams Sept. 8
Dean, Thomas
Daniele, Antonio, Supernumerary
Duglass, James, Schooner Master from Adams Sept. 8th
E
Ennis, Alexander, Sea, Transferred to the Adams Sept 8th, Gibraltor
Ennis, John
Elbert or Albert, Samuel
F
Foot, Malaca
Freeze, Hugh
Frederick, John
Fannan, James
Fessington, Henny S.
Fullard, Thomas
Fisher, Jeremiah
Fick, David
Fish, John
Faxton, John
Foot, Lewis
Furgeson, Jn—Sea—from Adams
G
Goddard, John, Surgeon DD.
Gadsden, Christopher, Midshipmen, Joined the Phila. Mar. 12th 1802
Greogory, James
Gray, Benjamin
Giles, Edward, Midshipmen, Joined the U. S. Frigate President Jan. 17, 1802
Glen, Noble Wm., Midshipmen
H
Haight, James, Midshipmen, Joined the Phila. March 12th, 1802
Hunt, Thomas, Mids
Haswell, John M.
Hayden, Gerret, Armern
Harper, Nicholas, Steward
Hartney, Thomas
Hendricks, John
Hacket, James
Holmes, Nicholas
Halibert, John
Hanes, Hans
Hendricks, John
Havens, Sylvester
Harris, Samuel
Hillman, Robert
Hall, Levi
Harvey, William
Hutchins, Thomas
Hogan, Peter
Herman, John
Hall, Jn. O Lea from Adams Sept. 8th
Hainnahan, Jerim, O Lea from Adams Sept. 8th
I-J
Jincks, William, Lieut.
Izard, Ralph, Midshipmen
Johnson, Thomas, Discharged Sept. 2d, Malaga
Jenks, Henny
Joseph, Mathew
Joice, John
Johnson, John, Lieut. Marine
Johnson, James
Josephs, Joseph
Ingles, Samuel
Jarves, Lewis
K
Kemp, William, gunner yeoman
Kenney, Thomas
King, John
Kerr, Henny
L
Livingston, William
Lany, Timothy
Lawler, Patrick
Lord, Archibald, Midshipmen
Leseman, Barney, Sea, from Adams Sept. 8th
M
McNiel, Daniel, Capt.
Mann, George, Mid'n
McNiell, John
McGullock, Wm.—Dead
McDowel, Tho.
Marsal, Samuel, 2d, Master
McClowd, Alexander
Mathews, Alexander
Mathews, John
May, Mosses
McCartey, Michael
McKeen, Roberts
McCleeland
McNamamara, Patrick
Morgey, Lewis
McClean, Allen
Miller, John C.
McEdoo, James
McNiell, William, Master
Martin, Voz.th, Seaman from Adams Sept. 8th
N
Newman, William, Mid'n
Newman, William, Seaman
Nicholson, Elvin
Newhall, Inervean
Nelson, Jones, Discharged Sept 2 Malaga
Niel, James, discharged Malaga Sept. 2

O
Oaks, Samuel, Carpenter
O'Niel, Conner, Cooper
O'Nil, Richard
O'Bryan, Edwin, Seaman from Adams Sept. 8th
P
Potts, James, Boatswan
Peters, Hendrick, Gunn's Mate
Potten, Richard
Potts, William, Laft at the Hospital in Malta
Phelps, Oliver
Philmon, Peters
Peckin, John
Polk, Daniel, Midshipman
Passels, Jno., Sea from Adams, Sept. 8th
Peddy, Jacobs, O Sea from Adams Sept 8th
Palmer, William, from Adams
Q-R
Roberts, Thomas, Boats Mate
Ridley, Abraham
Robertson, Joseph
Robertson, John
Rogers, Ralph
Remington, James
Roseter, Martin
Rodorick, Francis
Rogers, Joseph, Sea, Transferred to the Adams Sept. 8th, 1802 Gibralter
Rock, John
Rear, William, Disch'd Sept. 2, Malaga
Roe, James, Disch'd Sept. 2d, Malaga
Richards, William
Reed, Patrick
S
Stanton, James, Supernumerary Mate
Somers, Richard, Lieut.
Stevenson, Richard, Gunner
Steel, Isaac, Sail Maker
Soley, Nathaniel, Mas. Mate
Sands, Charles, S. Maker's Mt.
Shaw, Williams
Smith, Thomas
Simmons, John
Steward, Alexander
Sowings, Henny
Stevens, James
Solomon, David
Scott, William
Schehan, Daniel
Smith, Sargent
Smith, William
Smith Transfered from Adams, Sept. 8
Somers, Robert
Smith, William
Stevenson, Henny R.
Smith, John
Sweny, Thomas
Spratty, Rich'd
Steward, William, Run. Sept. 2nd Malaga
Shyrock, Michael
T
Tarbet, Hugh, Mast Mate
Trask, Benjamin, Arms. Mate
Thoms, John
Taylor, John, Drowned March 14th 1802
Trip, Henny, dischenterd as Supernumerary
Thomas, John
Tibb, Robert
Gunner, Midshipman, Order d to Adams Sept
Thompson, Rich'd, Obeav from Adams Sept. 8th
U - V
Vrand, Thomas
Vincent, John, Run Nov. 18th, 1802
Vrand, Joseph
Van Devinbordin, Peter, Disch'd Sept. 2nd, Malaga
W
Wyer, Edward, Lieut.
Wadsworth, Charles, Purser
Woolsey, Melanethon, Mds., Ordered to Adams, Sept.
Weston, Abijah, Mids.
White, Benjamin, Mids.
Wilson, Richard
Wilson, William
Wallspie, Richard
Williams, Thomas
Weston, Isaac
Wheeler, Andrew
Walker, Charles
Wiley, John
Whitney, Samuel
Whipple, Joseph
Wiesner, John
Wolcot, John
Woods, Henny, Sea, Disch'd, Sept. 2, Malaga
Wellum, Peter, Disch'd, Sept. 2, Malaga
Wales, Joseph
Woolsey, James, Supernumerary
X - Y
Yates, John
Z

Letter of August 4, 1803 dated on Board U. S. Frigate Philadelphia at Malta to Lieutenant Somers from William Bainbridge.

Sir:

Should you arrive at this Port and be ordered by Commodore Priebel to place yourself under my command, you will immediately proceed off Tripoli to join me. I presume it is unnessary for me to mention that every exertion

should be made to be on That coast to detect their crusers returning to port.

I am respectfully your

Most Obedt. Serv., ...

WILLIAM BAINBRIDGE.

Lt. Command Somers

U. S. Schooner Nautilus

Letter from Cousin Stilwell (Savage Stilwell) dated at Philadelphia, August 30, 1803, addressed to Richard (Somers).

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Philadelphia, August 30, 1803

Dear Richard:

Having so fine an opportunity or direct conveyance to you—could not omit droping you a line resting that however so willing my information may be still It may in some measure be gratifying to you—

Will commence with your friends—The Commodore is in general opinion, going flat, he has a severe attack this time than ever before and cannot hold out long—

T. M. has been very ill caused from his old folly—so bad as to be completely deranged, but is now getting tolerable clear again. I hope he will soon be perfectly himself again. Do not mention his name as it might prove an injury to him—

The rest of your aquaintance and friends in general are well—

Vine street in general sends its affections and Friendship to you and would as wish to hear of your health and and prosperity—

Lieut. D. Stuck Clorse, how far he suceeded I cannot at present say—I ow him a letter when you meet and see how high his pulse will raise, I expect he will be with you shortly as his vessel (say the Brigargus Butt at Boston) has been launched these 13 days, and from the last information from him he expects to sail in ten days after launching, I hope when you all meet together, and should be ordered by your Commodore in an enterprise that the Nautilus and her officers may be the meator that may light an impress the rest—

R. D. Stilwell has put on board the Brig Syrene Commanded by Lieut. Stewart, a Tea.chest containing handsome and smoked beef betwine a keg containing peach brandy which I hope you will receive and accept of in these names, Could I not determine what else to send you, knowing that you are in a part of the world where you can procure all the little riches or Luxuries of life—

Capt. Meade has just got up from Eggharbour in the Brig Commodor Barry, he sends his warmest wishes to you and would be glad to hear from you whenever you could favour him with a Journal of your voyage—

I would thank you to write me by the first opportunity and in form me how our little fleet with the officers stands arranged and what your ideas and prospects are and I expect that some derangement of Officers would take place, any information from you to me shall not be disclosed if you request—Wishing you health and a prosperous voyage—Subscribe your Friend and Cousin,

STILWELL

Letter from William Jonas Keen dated at Philadelphia, August 23, 1803, addressed "Dear Brother" (Richard Somers).

Philadelphia, August 23, 1803

Dear Brother, I am happy in having an opportunity to inform you what is passing amongst us. I am going in the first place to inform you of Commodore Barry's Ilness. He is now thought to be on his last tack. He said to me this day that he was nearly done which I fear is too true. Our swamp cutting is not going on as well as could be wish'd. Guin has cut his leg and I Doughty being pressed by conditions sold.

We bought added to this, Sam Snell is cutting in the Swamp and hauling to Westcots Mill. He asked me what I should think should the fire destroy all. He was then in Camden with Jonathan Norton whom I fear has joined with him in his infamous ways. They are much chagrined by not having the working of the swamp. This I must endeavour to get over by giving them another clump to work and make them our friends. Going to law will not answer at this time. Now until we have our bounderies settled and finished with others, we have put on board the Syren a chest of hams and Beef and a Keg of Peach Brandy which we hope will be acceptable to you.

Some new news is current with us that the Algerians have commenced hostilities against us. Our mutual friend Lieut. Stewart wishes should it

be the case that he may fall in with the Brig Assan Basshaw, no doubt he'l give a good acct of himself, but when there is any Laurels to be gained I am naturally led to wish you may partake. Certainly you will not be the hindmost in chase. Pray give me full account of everything by every opportunity.

August 29th, I have now to inform you that the commodore is better but not supposed out of danger.

I have this day written to Wm. Lample of Pitsburgh an account of the recovering of our lands which I informed you were sold in the year 1796 on account of Taxes. I must be cautious, with most people not give money away nor suffer any, by their accts. Sally writes to you, and I can only add that my prayers shall be for you.

WM. JONAS KEEN

Bill of Richard Somers from James McAlpin, Navy Uniforms, etc.; Various Dates in 1800.

1800

June 2nd	Dlls. Cts.
Do a P. German Dowla Dr.	1.50
10 Do A P. White Nankis Breeches	3.47
10 Do 10 Navy Buttons per Dr.	.50
24 Do 1 7-8 y. Navy Blue Cloth a 6.67	12.50
Do Sleive linings & pockets	.75
Do Silk twist thread, Buck	
Do 35 Navy buttons 100	2.92
Do I small Do	.29½
Do making undress unifor coat	5.
July 4	
Do A P. Corded Dim Pants	4.50
Sept 6	
Do ½ seating Pantaloons	.50
Oct. 6	
Do A p. Blue Cass Pantaloons	7.67
Do A. P. Buff Do Do	7.67
Oct. 18	
Do Altering Breeches	.67
Do 10 Navy butt. for Do	.50

Rec'd Payment for J. McAlpin.

J. S. STELL

Abstract of advances made by Lieut. Richard Somers to sundry Seamen &c. recruited by him in September, October, November 1800, and mustered on board the Frigate United States John Barry Esquire, Commander, viz.

Names — Station	Date of Entry Day	Appear on Board Month	Number of Ships Books	Amount of Advances Remarks Monies
	Sept	Sept.		
Andrew C. Clyde, Sea	1	5	743	34.00
Joseph Harden, Sea	1	5	744	34.00
Evan Lewis, Sea	1	5	746	34.00
James Martin, 26, Sea	1	5	747	34.00
John Sweeney, Sea	1	5	749	34.00
Robert Stewart, Sea	1	5	750	34.00
Christof Tillinghast, Sea	1	5	751	34.00
John Williams, Sea	1	5	752	34.00
John Wilson, Sea	1	5	753	34.00
				Run
William West, Sea	1	5	754	34.00
Joseph Williams, Sea	1	5	755	34.00
James Coghlin, O sea	4	9	756	28.00
William Delacon, Sea	4	9	757	28.00
Peter Leonard, Sea	3	9	758	34.00
William Wilcocks, Sea	3	9	759	34.00
Joseph Watson, Sea	1	9	760	34.00
Nicholas Hybert, Sea	4	12	762	34.00
Henry Nielson, Sea	3	12	763	34.00
Thomas Thompson, Sea	4	12	764	34.00
John Berryman, Sea	4	13	765	34.00
Benj. Chamberlain, Sea	8	13	766	34.00
William Hill, Sea	1	13	767	34.00
William Lindsey, Sea	3	13	768	34.00
John McShannock, Sea	4	13	769	34.00
John Sharp, Sea	8	13	770	34.00
John Rollin, Sea	13	16	771	34.00
William Campbell, Lands'n	12	17	772	20.00
Samuel Dickerson, Seaman	12	17	773	34.00
John Edgars, O Leaman	12	17	774	28.00
Edward Lunch, O Leaman	12	17	775	28.00
Israel Matthews, Seaman	12	17	776	34.00
Philip Tarney, Seaman	12	17	777	34.00
				(Run)
Joseph Otis, Seaman	13	18	778	34.00
John Gowdy, Seaman	13	20	779	34.00
Archibald McConica, Sea	12	20	780	34.00
Peter Minster, Sea	12	20	781	34.00
Robert Stens, Sea	12	20	782	34.00
William Master, Sea	12	21	783	34.00
Steph. Burgoyne, Landsman	1	26	784	20.00
Robert Taylor, Seaman	27	27	785	34.00
	Oct.	Oct.		
William Smith 2nd, Sea	15	15	786	20.00
John Arnold, Seaman	13	18	787	34.00
Joseph Carthill, O Sea	14	18	788	28.00
James Frazure, O Sea	14	18	789	28.00
Archelus Gardner, Seaman	17	18	790	34.00
Thomas Hanson, Seaman	13	18	791	34.00
Peter Johnson, Seaman	14	18	792	34.00
Bristo Maya, Seaman	13	18	793	34.00
William Delacon, O Sea	4	9	757	28.00
Martin McDonald, Seaman	16	18	794	
			not	down
Hans Norman, Seaman	13	18	795	34.00
Catil Nicholson, Seaman	14	18	796	34.00
James Price, Seaman	14	18	797	34.00
John Sowl, Seaman	13	18	798	34.00
Ezekiel Storrs, Seaman	14	18	799	34.00
Louis Simards, Seaman	14	18	800	34.00
Francis W. Thomas, O Sea	14	18	801	28.00
				Run
John Thorne, Seaman	13	18	802	34.00
Andrew Williams, Seaman	15	18	803	34.00
Edw. Warmingham, Seaman	14	18	804	34.00
James Armstrong, Seaman	15	20	805	34.00
Benjamin Cole, Seaman	14	20	806	34.00
Martin Darron, Seaman	15	20	807	34.00
William Harvey, Seaman	16	20	808	34.00
Alex. McCabe, O Seaman	13	20	809	34.00
Edward Nevin, Seaman	14	20	810	34.00
Thomas Ponsonoy, Seaman	14	20	811	34.00

Matthess Rowlens, Seaman	15	20	812	34.00
Christopher Rix, Seaman	14	20	813	34.00
James Slaters, Seaman	15	20	814	34.00
George Boyd, Seaman	15	21	815	34.00
Francis Carpenter, Seaman	18	21	816	34.00
John Doran, Seaman	20	21	817	34.00
Wm. Davidson, O Seaman	18	21	818	28.00
Michael Holland, 2nd, Gunn	14	21	819	36.00
Richard Harper, Seaman	14	21	820	34.00
	Oct.	Oct.		
Thomas Howser, Seaman	14	21	821	34.00
Mich'l Hennedy, O Seaman	13	21	822	28.00
Nonius Domingo, Seaman	18	21	823	34.00
Robert Stevenson, Seaman	14	21	824	34.00
David Thomas, 2d, Gunn	14	21	825	36.00
J. Williams, 2nd, O Seam'n	18	21	826	28.00
Jese Boyd, Landsman	23	23	827	20.00
Dennis H. Collins, 2nd, Mn.	18	23	828	36.00
Valentine Delago, Seaman	20	23	829	34.00
Robert Ferigo, Seaman	16	23	830	34.00
Philip Kelly, Boy	17	23	831	20.00
John Little, Seaman	16	23	932	34.00
Joseph Lee, Seaman	18	23	833	34.00
Samuel Longfiels, Seaman	18	23	834	34.00
James McClure, Seaman	18	23	835	34.00
John Nieuport, Boy	23	23	836	
			not	down
James Sloan, Seaman	18	23	837	34.00
William Weyman, Seaman	16	23	838	34.00
John Dixon, Seaman	20	26	839	34.00
J. Geoghoeghan, Seaman	21	26	840	34.00
Archib'd Gray, Seaman	20	26	841	34.00
John McCracken, B's Mate	20	26	842	36.00
George Moore, O Seaman	21	26	843	28.00
Rich'd Williams, O Seaman	18	26	844	28.00
Isaac Eldridge, Seaman	20	28	845	34.00
Lewis Garlinger, Seaman	20	28	846	34.00
Laurence Schisler, Seaman	20	28	847	34.00
Thom. Williams, 2nd Gunn	16	28	848	36.00
	Nov.	Nov.		
John Burtons, Seaman	3	5	855	34.00
Thom. Alexander, Landsman	4	6	856	20.00
James Boyd, O Seaman	3	6	857	28.00
Silvanus Bishop, Seaman	3	6	858	34.00
Robert Bailey, Landsman	3	6	859	20.00
Rich. Knight, Landsman	3	6	860	20.00
			Drowned	
William Edwards, O Seaman	3	6	861	28.00
William Johnson, O Seaman	3	6	862	28.00
Samuel Mortimer, Landsman	3	6	863	20.00
David Martis, Landsman	3	6	864	20.00
John Rush, Landsman	3	6	865	20.00
John Scott, Landsman	3	6	866	20.00
Hyman Soloman, Landsman	3	6	867	20.00
John Brown, Boy	5	7	868	16.00
(Alias Freder'k Bournhouse)				
Henry Barrett, Seaman	3	7	869	34.00
Chas. D. Rowen, O Seaman	4	7	870	28.00
George Booth, Landsman	3	7	871	20.00
Thom. Barrington, O Seaman	3	7	872	28.00
John Crampsey, Landsman	4	7	873	20.00
John Chace, O Seaman	3	7	874	28.00
John Crow, Seaman	3	7	875	34.00
Samuel Deane, Landsman	4	7	876	20.00
Thomas Elsswood, Landsman	3	7	877	20.00
Louis Egbert, Landsman	4	7	878	20.00
Thomas Eagleston, Seaman	4	7	879	34.00
William Garrison, Boy	4	7	880	20.00
John Garrison, O Seaman	4	7	881	28.00
Henry Hudson, Landsman	4	7	882	20.00
James Hefferman, Landsman	3	7	883	20.00
John Hope, Landsman	3	7	884	20.00
William Hilton, Landsman	3	7	885	20.00
John Jones, Seaman	4	7	886	34.00
Charles Lovet, Seaman	3	7	887	34.00
James Martin 3d, Landsman	4	7	888	20.00
Thomas Mahoney, Landsman	3	7	889	20.00
Patrick Morricy, Landsman	4	7	890	20.00
Edward Morrison, O Seaman	3	7	891	28.00
(or Edmund)				
Henry Phelps, O Seaman	4	7	892	28.00
John Quigly, Landsman	3	7	893	20.00
William Redding, Landsman	4	7	894	20.00
Charles Rice, Landsman	3	7	895	20.00
John Winegrove, O Seaman	3	7	896	28.00
George Young, O Seaman	3	7	897	28.00
Edward Bassett, 2d, Master	4	8	898	36.00
James Boyle, Landsman	4	8	899	20.00
Hugh Byrne, O Seaman	3	8	900	28.00
William Dunn, Landsman	5	8	901	20.00
William Dillon, Landsman	5	8	902	20.00
Reuben Elliott, Landsman	3	8	903	20.00
Rich'd Fulker, Seaman	3	8	904	34.00
William Fowler, Landsman	3	8	905	20.00
John Gallagher, Landsman	4	8	906	20.00
Nath'l Hadlock, Landsman	3	8	907	20.00
John Henley, Seaman	4	8	908	34.00
	Nov.	Nov.		
James Jamieson, 2n Gunn.	3	8	909	36.00
David Johnson, Seaman	4	8	910	34.00
Jacob Giem, Landsman	3	8	911	20.00
Francis McKibby, Seaman	3	8	912	34.00
Michael Nurse, Seaman	3	8	913	34.00
George Nash, Landsman	5	8	914	20.00
Robert Potter 2nd, Arms	4	8	915	36.00
John Robinson, Seaman	4	8	916	34.00
John Richeson, Seaman	4	8	917	34.00
John Riley 1, O Seaman	4	8	918	28.00
Samuel Smith, Seaman	3	8	919	34.00
Michael Swales, Landsman	5	8	920	20.00
Patrick Timmony, Landsman	3	8	921	20.00
James Whitam, O Seaman	4	8	922	28.00
T. Williams 2nd, O Seaman	4	8	923	28.00
Dennis Brogan, Lands	3	10	924	20.00
John Cox, Seaman	3	10	925	34.00
Miles Doyle, O Seaman	3	10	926	28.00
David Derrickson, Lands	6	10	927	20.00
Andrew Dilmore, Lands	6	10	928	20.00
Francis Ferguson, Boy	3	10	929	16.00
John Fisher, Seaman	4	10	930	34.00
John Lee, Seaman	7	10	931	34.00
James McLaughlin, Lands	6	10	932	20.00
Peter McBride, Lands	6	10	933	20.00
John Pennington, Lands	3	10	934	20.00
John Porter, Lands	5	10	935	
			not	down
Darius Priest, Lands	5	10	936	20.00
Joseph Reeves, O Seaman	4	10	937	28.00
John Williams, 3, Boy	5	10	938	20.00
Robert Allen, Seaman	5	11	939	34.00
Thomas Coates, Seaman	7	11	940	34.00
John Cannon, Lands	8	11	941	20.00
Joseph G. Agreeda, Sea	4	11	942	54.00
William Gray, Landsman	6	11	943	20.00
John Gallagher, Landsman	8	11	944	20.00
James Hutcheson, O Sea	5	11	945	28.00
William C. Holt, Seaman	5	11	946	34.00
Edwards Harvey, Seaman	7	11	947	34.00
	1800	Nov.	Nov.	
William Harvey, 2nd, Sea	4	11	948	34.00
Ephraim Jarin, Sea	6	11	949	34.00
Samuel Johnson, Landsman	5	11	950	20.00
Samuel Longworth, Seaman	4	11	951	34.00
Henry Studly, O Seaman	5	11	952	34.00
William Snyder, Boy	8	11	953	12.00
James Marshal, Boy	7	11	954	16.00
John Settler, O Sea	4	11	955	28.00
John Abbott, O Sea	6	12	956	28.00
William Davis, 2nd Master	3	12	957	36.00
Hugh Dale, Landsman	8	12	958	20.00
James Killy, Landsman	8	12	959	24.00
John Roxbury, Lands	3	12	960	20.00
William Moper, Seaman	3	12	961	34.00
Laban Teague, Seaman	7	12	962	34.00
John Wilson, 2nd, Lands	8	12	963	20.00
Richard Davis, Seaman	7	13	964	34.00
Daniel McClasky, Boy	7	13	965	16.00
Hugh Brady, Lands	10	14	966	20.00
James Christison, Lands	10	14	967	20.00
Michael Dougherty, Lands	10	14	968	20.00
John Dougherty, Lands	10	14	969	20.00
John Davis, 2nd, Boy	10	14	970	16.00
James Farrell, Landsman	10	14	971	20.00

Elias Gee, 2nd, Gunner	10	14	972	36.00
Robert Hoskins, Landsman	10	14	973	20.00
Eman'l Hoskins, Landsman	10	14	974	20.00
Jeremiah Howard, Seaman	10	14	975	34.00
Ninian Hustor, O Seam'n	10	14	976	24.00
Michael Hirkins, Lands	10	14	977	20.00
Samuel Ingraham, Boy	10	14	978	20.00
Thomas Kimble, Boy	13	14	979	16.00
Wm. McClaughlin, Lands	8	14	980	20.00
Will'm Pinckney, B's Mate	8	14	981	36.00
Barney Bresland, Lands	10	14	982	20.00
Joseph Pressey, Seaman	4	14	983	34.00
Peter Smith, Landsman	10	14	984	20.00
William Streper, Landsman	10	14	985	20.00
Charles White, B's Mate	8	14	986	36.00
1800	Nov.	Nov.		
James Williams, Landsman	10	14	987	20.00
Wm. Quinland, Landsman	10	14	988	20.00
William Whit, Boy	3	14	989	16.00
Michael Young, Landsman	10	14	990	20.00
Jas. McColgen, Landsman	10	14	991	20.00
Alex. McGill, Landsman	11	14	992	20.00
Hugh McCauly, Boy	10	14	993	16.00
James McCaig, Landsman	12	14	994	20.00
Richard Arovet, O Seaman	10	16	995	26.00
Henry Gibson, Seaman	10	16	996	34.00
Michael Lafferty, Lands	12	16	997	20.00
John Park, O Seaman	10	16	998	28.00
Edward Shay, O Seaman	10	16	999	28.00
William Thorton, 2nd, Mast	10	16	1000	36.00
John Wagner, Boy	13	16	1001	36.00
Robert Wall, O Seaman	10	16	1002	28.00
Dom. Farrell, O Seaman	10	16	1003	28.00
John Cane, O Seaman	10	17	1004	28.00
Edw. Donnelly, O Seaman	12	17	1005	28.00
Mich.l Dougherty 2d, Lands	13	17	1006	20.00
George Doyle, Seaman	6	17	1007	34.00
Thomas Edwards, O Sea	13	17	1008	24.00
Daniel Fortner, O Sea	13	17	1009	24.00
George Giele, Lands	8	17	1010	20.00
George Hodge, Seaman	10	17	1011	34.00
John Harrison, Seaman	10	17	1012	34.00
William Hoyt, Lands	11	17	1013	20.00
Antonio Lima, O Sea	13	17	1014	28.00
John Lyons, Landsman	10	17	1015	20.00
Joseph Long, Landsman	6	17	1016	20.00
Wm. McClowd, Landsman	17	17	1017	20.00
Peter Niles, Seaman	13	17	1018	34.00
John Riley 2nd, Landsman	12	17	1019	20.00
Jared Russell, O Seaman	10	17	1020	28.00
Michael Rorke, Landsman	10	17	1021	20.00
Enoch Roberts, O Seaman	13	17	1022	24.00
Lawrence Keen, Midshipman	4	17	1923	38.00
William Smith, Sea	12	17	1024	34.00
John Wilson 3d, Seaman	13	17	1025	34.00
John Underwood 2nd, Gunn	11	17	1026	36.00
Alex Vance, Seaman	11	17	1027	34.00
John Morrison, Landsman	12	17	1028	20.00
Henry Moore, O Seaman	13	17	1029	28.00
William Malloy, O Seaman	12	17	1030	28.00
Peter Bright, Mas Mate	8	17	1031	40.00
John Boon, Seaman	11	18	1034	34.00
Robert Lindsey, O Seaman	12	18	1035	28.00
William McHegg, Seaman	12	20	1036	34.00
Wm. Cutbush, Midshipman	4	21	1037	38.00
Henry Peres, Act'g D.	4	21	1038	24.00
James Boyd 2d, Seaman	13	22	1039	34.00
Luke Terryl, O Seaman	6	22	1040	34.00
Jere Jay, Landsman	4	23	1041	20.00
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Geo. G. Grubb, Act'g Mids	11	24	1044	38.00
Samuel Chandler, Chaplain	3	27	1045	80.00
				$8104.00

Received December 31, 1800 of Lieut. Richard Somers sundry receipts for two months advance pay to sundry seamen &c.—agreeably to the foregoing list mounting to Eight thousand one hundred and four dollars, which sum the accountant of the Navy is requested to pass to the Credit of Lieut. Somers and charge to my account on the Books of his Office.

Returned Purser T. W. D.

Names scribbled on the back of roster roll are Edward Meade, Stephen Decatur, Charles Ludlow, Wm. Nichols, So McCleary, George Mitchel, Jas. Barnet, Cyrus Tallot, Wm. Whithead, Geo. Mitchel, Gal Stewart, Savage Stillwell Cousin of Richard Somers.

Note dated June 29, 1803 from James Tootell, pursuer, to Richard Somers, commander.

Sir:

I will thank you to appoint some officers to survey and report what los is sustained in a barrele of damaged bread opened this day.

Yr. Obd Serv.
JAMES TOOTELL
Purser

Copy of letter, unsigned, dated July 31, 1803 at Gibraltar Bay aboard Schooner Nautilus, reporting the voyage, performance of the boat.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you of my arrival here, after a passage of twenty eight days.

The Nautilus has performed well, sails fast, strained nothing, is tight and strong and I have no complaint to make of her.

I have received on Board from Wm. Gavino the consul. The supply that was wanting for the Nautilus accept molasses, cheese, vinegar that could not be purchased in the rock the Beef, Pork, I received on Board from the Store ship from New York. As per Commodor Morisis circular letter at the consuls, he is to be found at Malta or off Tripoly—To such place I shall be ready to sail by twelve o'clock to gain ferther information of Captain Rogers.

(Unsigned)

Letter to Lieutenant Somers from Robert Smith, Secretary of the Navy, dated June 21, 1803.

Sir:

You will touch at Gibraltar for a supply of provisions and for information respecting the S. Czotmadson? you will thence proceed with the utmost expedition to the Letaise? place you may understand Capt. Rogers may be, and you shall without delay deliver it to

him the public dispatch which you shall herewith receive.

With Great Regards
I am Sir
Your Ob Serv
R'T SMITH

Invitation from Captain of the Ship "John Adams" dated August 9 (no year) to Captain Somers inviting him aboard to dine at 2 o'clock.

Capt. Channary's compliments to Capt. Somers, will be happy to see him aboard to dinner at 2 o'clock.

Letter undated, to Captain Richard Somers from Edward N. Cox.

Sir:

With your permission I will return home in the New York. It would give me infinate pleasure to remain with you, but as my health at times is as pricarious that I think it most prudent to return, to the U. S. & remain until I now whether I shall have a return of the complaint again or not.

I shall be very much obligde to you for a letter to the Ser't and to Commodore Rogers, as my future promotion depends on the report you make of me, may you have a sucessful and a pleasant cruz and except Sir my best wishes for a long long continuance of your health and happiness.

I have the honor to be Sir with great regards and respect your obedient serv

EDWARD N. COX

Letter undated to Captain Richard Somers from Edward W. Cox.

Sir:

I have to offer you my sincier thanks for the favorable report, which you have favored to make to the Ser'y of me and am much obliged to you for offering to make any alterations which I should proper. But am much obliged to you none being necessary, as it is as favourable as I could wish.

I regret very much that my health is such as to oblige me to leave you. As it would give me infinate pleasure to remain with you, and shall request the Ser't should my health permit me to return to order me under your command.

As I am now one of the Oldest in the Service I have a right to expect promotion perhaps the Ser't may conotur my servisas which you have been so kind as to represent as favourable as adiquent only to a master and continues one as such.

I am sorry to trouble you but if you will be so good as to ad in your letter (and diserving promotion) it will be considered as a particular favour by your much obliged friend Ed Cox.

And now Sir once more except my sincere thanks for your extream politeness to me, since I have had the honor of being commanded by you and may a continuance of your good health inable you to extend your usefull servises to our beloved country is my sincere wish.

I have the honor to Sir, with Great Respect,—regard and friendship your much obliged friend and Humble servant

EDWARD N. COX

Letter from C. C. B. Thompson dated Sept. 18, 1803 to Captain Richard Somers.

Sir:

I very much regret that the low state of health to which my long illness has reduced me obliges me to make a request which in any other situation I should think improper.

After every care and attention on the part of Doct. Jaques, that I ever saw exercised by a physician, my disorder proves obstinate, and I fear, if I do not get speedy relief it will produce fatal consequences.

It is the Doctors opinion that I might receive much advantages from being in a hospital where proper regimen and attendance can be obtained.

If it is possible then, Sir, pray suffer me to go on shore at Gibraltar it may enable me in a short time to return to my duty, but remaining on board, I am affraid, will render me forever unfit for it.

I am Sir, very respectfully yours,

C. C. B. THOMPSON

Letter from the Commander Priebel, dated on board U. S. Frigate Constitution, dated 16th of September, 1803 at Gibraltar Bay to Lieutenant Commandant Somers.

Sir:

You will sail immediately for Malaga, and take under convoy all the American merchant vessels bound to the westward, and bring them into this Bay; you are not to stay at Malaga longer than 24 hours—should you fall in with any armed vessels, of the Emperor of Moroco or, of his subjects,

you are to bring them into this place for examination—

I have the honor to be Sir,

Yr, Obd, Servant

EDWARD PRIEBEL

Letter addressed to Robert Smith, Secretary of the Navy, dated aboard the Nautilus, Tangier Bay, October 11, 1803 from Richard Somers (evidently never sent).

Sir:

Wm. Edward N. Cox, Master of the Nautilus, from his I'll state of health at times, of wich you have previously been Informed, has my permission to return to America.

Permit me Sir, to Recommend him as a vigilant an active officer, who has at all times discharged his duty with the greatest agility.

Should his health return, I shall with pleasure be happy to receive him as a Lieutenant on Board any vessel of the United States that I have the honor to command. He having discharged the duty as seen on Board the Nautilus.

I am with the greatest Respect

Your Obe, Servant

LIEUT. RICHARD SOMERS

Note to Commandant Somers from James Tootell, Purser, dated September 27, 1803, aboard Nautilus.

Sir:

I will thank you to appoint the proper Officers to Survey a Barrel of Beef opened this afternoon as it is damaged and unfit for use.

With great respect I am Sir

Y, Obe, Sir't,

JAMES TOOTELL

Purser

Letter from R. Georgu, Agent for Consul General, dated Magadore October 20, 1803, addressed to Richard Somers, Esquire.

Sir:

The governor of this place yesterday, on receiving The Emperor's Orders brought by you, expressed a puticular desire, that you would if possible bring your vessel into the Port, and come on shore, to enable him to give you every attention in his power, and of his readiness to execute his Imp Majestys Orders relative to all subjects of the United States.

In case you should be inclined to comply with the gov'n request in this case Mr. Miller will take with him Mr. Williams, Master of the Hannah, to Pilot you in—

At any rate I hope for the pleasure of seeing you ashore—

I am with Due Respect Sir

Your most obd Ser

R. GEORGU

Agent for the Consul General

Memo of receipt for 12 casks of water received from the Captain of the Port at Magadore Oct. 23, 1803, signed Edward N. Cox.

Received of the Captain of the Port of Magadore twelve casks of water.

United States Schooner Nautilus)

23d October 1803)

EDWARD NON COX

Memorandum from James Tootell, Purser, to Lieutenant Richard Somers dated November 7, 1803.

Sir:

The Officers of the Ward Room and Steerage owe about Ninteen Dollars for washing and the Doct. owes Eight Dollars for a pair Pantaloons. Making in all Twenty Seven Dollars—

Shall I go to the consuls and Sighn the Bills, the provisions are all on Board except the 3 bbls of flower.

Respectfully,

Yr. bli. servant,

JAMES TOOTELL

Letter dated Philadelphia, November 7, 1803 from Stilwell (Savage Stilwell) to cousin (Richard Somers).

Dear Cousin:

See your dated from Gibraltar and am happy to be informed that you are agreeably situated both in having a good vessel and crew. She being as good or fast Sailor will be much to your advantage as I expect you will have some warm work particularly if the Emperor continues his warlike disposition, but perhaps the capture of one of his vessels by the Philadelphia Frigate may rather discourage the old genious, for the present.

We have warm work at home. Congress is dashing away they have ratified the Treaty of Louisiana by a great majority. Won one Federal Senator voted for it.

The Illustrious Jefferson in his message to Congress (speaking of impressing seamen says rather than put up with national insult or common

wrongs abide by the consequences) which I am inclined to believe will be attended to by Congress.

I expect ere this reaches you that you will be joined by the Argus and Syren. You must inform me how they make out and who of you is Superior, you all being young commanders will no doubt make you exercise a great proportion of ambition to excel.

You must be particular to inform me the complexion of things up the Straights and how your supports they will. Likewise how things are conducted by our little squadron.

You will no doubt before this reaches you hear of the Death of our old Worthy Com'd Barry who departed this life about 8 weeks ago and who takes his rank I cannot say but suppoes it will come by seniority. Let me have your opinion of the arrangement that will be made.

Now I must mention some little about the girls or else you may think I am rather dry. Well we'll say V. Stuss S. M. I cannot say anything about except she is well. S. Cooper will be married to S. Fisher in a few weeks. Little M. Brown and H. Harkers next door to mother are both married. L. Sm Brown I expect will be shortly. Nobody left in the street but Miss Wh'e so I think you know had better furnish yourself with a price for amusement and bring her along when you return.

But take care that you don't bring one the color of a new cent and you will please to give my compliments to those Officers who you know I am aquainted with.

Friends and acquaintanses are generally well. Please to answer me by every conveyance which cannot be to often. Being anxious for your welfare

Your cousin,
STILLWELL

Invitation for Captain Somers to inspect the boat "Hannah", also congratulations of Captain Joseph W. Williams on Richard Somers safe arrival at the port of Magadore. No date.

William Lourt Do present their respects to Capt. Richard Somers and will be very happy to see him ashore if (* paper destroyed) any service they can render him they shale have much measure in. Mr. Simpson having very particularly recommended Capt. Summers. They hope he will faver them with his company.

Capt. Williams and his bearer are all at Liberty and on board the Hannah.

Magadore)
Widner Y Micoy)

Capt. Williams compliments to Capt. Somers congratulating him on his Safe Arrival off the Port of Magadore. With the Long wishes for news of Peace between the Two Governments.

Should Capt. Summers wish to come into the Road Capt. Williams sends him a map of the Bay but wishes he would keep near midships the Entrance or nearest the Island anchor just ahead of the helm asbedite.

Brig. Amn whitch is the Best anchoring ground and plenty of water.

Your Most Obe Serv'
JOSEPH W. WILLIAMS

Letter with order, dated U. S. Frigate Constitutions September 24, 1803 from Edward Prebel to ...Lieutenant Commandant Somers.

Sir:

Mr. Gavino will deliver you my orders to proceed to the Westward and Southward and cruise of Maggadore for the purpose therein mentioned. While you are in this Bay victualing and watering, you will anchor the Nautilus very close to the prize ship Misuada? to protect her as she has a great number of prisoners on board and it is to be apprehended that they (—) if opportunity offers, endeavor to rise upon our men and run the ship on shore.

This order I expect you will particularly attend to.

I have the honor to be Sir,
Yr' Obldi Serv't
EDWARD PREBEL

Letter dated December 5, 1803 to Captain Somers from Edward N. Cox.

Sir:

The opportunity which now offers, for me to return to America, is the only one which possably I may have for a long time. My complaint is of such a nature that I have most to fear when in the best of health.

There fore the continual dread which I am under Sir, (of which you must have some idea of) effords me little satisfaction of my life. I wish Sir, with your permission to return to America and use every (word out) while in my pour.

Otherwise should I pospone it, my

age will have a considerable effect in preventing me from using those remedies which I might now use with succes.

If you will be so good as to make application to the Commodore for me you will oblige.

Your Most Obliging and
very humble Servant,

EDWARD COX

Letter from Edward Prebel, dated on Board U. S. Ship Constitution, Syracuse Harbor, 1st December 1803 to Lieutenant Commandant Somers.

Sir:

The articles you request to be supplied the Nautilus, are ready to be delivered, as soon as the proper officers apply to receive them. And I request you to have the Nautilus ready to sail on a cruise as early as possible.

I have the honor to be Sir
Your Obli'd Serv't

EDWARD PREBLE

P. S.—You will permit Mr. Mercellin to go on shore early tomorrow morning for the purpose of receiving stores from the store ship now in this Harbour.

Letter from Edward Prebel, dated on Board U. S. Frigate Constitution, Syracuse Harbor, December 1st, 1803, to Lieutenant Commandant Somers.

Sir:

You will please to permit Mr. George Mercellin, midshipman on board the Nautilus, to go on shore at Syracuse and remain there, untill further orders. He is wanted to take charge of the Stores belonging to the United States.

I have the honor to be Sir
your obli'g Serv't

EDWARD PREBEL

Note addressed to Lieutenant Decatur, undated, signed William Johnson.

Sir:

To State the offence and Abuse Received from Corporal McDonald on Board U. S. Schooner Nautilus at Sea, Sept. 17th.

At 5 p.m. I was order'd below on my duty to see the crew on deck. I went down below when meeting with said Corporal McDonald. In the Hatch way I asked him to go on deck. In a evil manner he said he would not and being both in the Hatchway.

He laid hold of me by the breast. I then told him to let go. He would not but took hold of me with his other hand by the throat. I then laid hold of him but he struck me several times which the people then below can prove if Requested.

WM. JOHNSON

Affidavit, signed by W. Kien and M. Pauley—no date.

I do hereby certify that Couvar Mynick was a marine on board the U. S. Schooner Nautilus at the time of the capture of the Brig St. Crucificio and Transfere by the Same Schooner.

M. PAULEY,
W. KIEN
at Philadelphia

Letter of Edward Prebel, on-Board U. S. Frigate Constitution, Syracuse Harbor, February 3, 1804, to Lieutenant Commandant Somers.

Sir:

You will Sail tomorrow morning in company with the Vixen for Tunis Bay, after having had communication with the shore if you receive information that can be depended on of any Tripoline cruisers having gone to the westward you may take that route most likely to fall in with them according to the information you may receive. But if you do not hear of any such cruizers having passed to the westward you will proceed for the coast of Tripoly and off Cape Masseirat, cruize there ten or twelvle days and return to this Port.

Take on board as much provisions and water as you conveniently can, and proceed to the Blockade of Tripoly.

I am Sir you Obi'd Ser'

EDWARD PREBEL

Note from James Tootell, Purser dated U. S. Schooner Nautilus, Syracuse, January 7th, 1804 to Richard Somers, Commander.

Sir:

I will thank you to appoint the proper officers to hold a Survey on such stores as are damaged and unfit for use.

Respectfully,

I am Sir your Ob'd Ser't

JAMES TOOTELL,
Purser

Letter from Edward Prebel on-board U. S. Frigate Constitution, Syracuse, December 12, 1803 to Lieutenant Commandant Somers.

Sir:

You will immediately sail from this harbor for Gibraltor. On your arrival there the dispatches with which you are charged to John Gavino, Esquire, and return to this place without delay. Should you want provisions Mr. Gavino will supply you.

Return by that rout you shall deem best calculated according to information you may receive to fall in with our enemies Cruizers. Enquire of Lt. Hule and Mr. Gavino for letters for me and gain what information you can respecting our Barbary Affairs.

On your arrival here fill up your water, take in provissions, get all ready for a cruize and wait for orders.

I have the honor to be Sir
Your Obe'd Ser't
EDWARD PREBEL

I. B.—The dispatches are of importance to our government and require exertions on your part to get them forward which I am confident you will make.

You will endeavor to procure a passage for Mr. ——— to the U. States in the first safe vessel that sails from here after your arrival.

EDWARD PREBEL

Letter from Edward Prebel dated, Constitution, March 9th, 1804, Malta Harbor, to Lieutenant Commandant Somers.

Sir:

It will be well for you not to conduct toward the Tunnian you have on board in a manner to bring the U. S. into collission with the Bey of Tunis by carrying him to sea with you knowing him to be a Tunission. I thoughto advise you not to carry him the papers of your prize to sea with you but to forward them to your prize agents at Syracuse.

I am Sir your most obe'd Ser't
E. PREBEL

You have a paper relative to that prize which the governor wishes to see viz the contract.

Letter from Edward Prebel to Lt. Commandant Somers dated March 1804 at Malta.

Sir:

You will immediately proceed to the Blockade of Tripoly in company with the Syren and cruize until I join you with this ship, or untill further orders from me. You are not to seperate from the Syren or leave the Station to which you are ordered if it can possibly be avoided.

I have the honor to be
Sir you obe'd Serv't
EDWARD PREBEL

Letter Charles Stewart dated on-Board Siren (Syren) at Sea, March 20, 1804 to Lieutenant Commandant Somers.

Sir:

You will state to me the damages you have received and whether you can possibly keep to Sea any longer.

CHARLES STEWART

Letter from Charles Stewart on-Board Siren—off Tripoli, 20th March 1804 to Lieut. Commandant Somers.

Sir:

You will proceed to the most convenient port, where you can repair the damages the Nautilus has sustained, and refit with all possible dispatch Return and join us again on this station, provided you receive no orders to the contrary from the Commanding Officer of the Squadron.

I am Sir your ob't Ser't
CHARLES STEWART

P. S.—I will send with you the people belonging to the Prize Brig Transfer.

A farewell letter of Lieutenant Richard Somers, Naval Hero.

A letter written by one of our greatest naval heroes, who did not again see his native country after he sailed, is well worth reproducing here. The original letter is in the possession of Mrs. Anderson Bourgeis.

It is addressed on the outside fold of the sheet to Mr. William Jonas Keen, merchant, 38 North Water Street, Philadelphia, "N. V. Mail." Keen married Sarah Somers, sister of Lieutenant Somers.

Dear Brother:

I feel myself much fatigued sitting up until this time in the morning examining my accounts. Cannot omit telling you that I sail at daylight or sweep out of the harbour. I waited on the Secretary yesterday for my orders, which I received with general instructions—to capture, sink, burn, destroy all Tripolitans; and dispatches to Cap-

tain Rogers which I cannot at present inform you of.

You will in the course of two or three months know all, but you can tell the good commodore there will be great alteration in the present command in the Mediterranean, beyond what I had expected.

The Secretary was extremely polite and spoke delicately on the situation I should be placed in should I fall in with Commodore Morris first—to be particular in writing him until meeting with whom directed to, after which the etiquette of the service, would not admit of writing while under the direction of the commanding officer of the Squadron.

He inquired if I should want any money as private stock, of which I should have any quantity I should want.

He has visited the vessel and is much pleased with her. He said he expected I should do great, which I hope will be in my power to do.

I shall do what you requested in your last, respecting cutting the swamp, which I hope will turn to advantage.

Doughty was to have three dollars delivered, the lumber at the landing; the sawing, extra pay at the customary price for sawing cedar.

I feel sleepy. Shall, when at Hampton Roads, where I expect to remain two or three days with Captain Barron, write you a long letter of the performance of the Nautilus, etc.

Until then I bid you adieu.

Give my love to the commodore, Mrs. Barey, Sally and all pretty girls inquiring after your sincere friend and well-wisher.

RICHARD SOMERS

N. B.—Enoch Edwards has entered on board here as ordinary seaman at six (?) dollars per month, of which I did not know of, or I should not have taken him. He has behaved very well.

I should be very sorry if he should be guilty of a fault and obliged to punish him.

RICHARD SOMERS

Affidavit of Captain Barbara Dated January 31, 1804

Personally came before me as notary and the within mentioned witneses Wm. Vincenzo Barbara son of Nicholas of the city of Vittoriosa to me a notary will know—.

Nohmtangly his own name and in the name of W. John Batista Russes whom he pledges himself that the (Brigthin property named — Crucifixo commanded by Capt. Fortunato Barbara under the colors of his British Majesty is well found manned and stored suficient to navigate.

That he has — and liketh the frieght & crughteth to Gaitano Schambuy of the city of Nalitta present, the whole of the said Brige is serving only to himself—the cabin room for the sailors, Cabales Floater Kasks to take on board in this Island of Malta in the usual way all such goods and effects as shall be consigned to him, and to perform a voyage from this place to Gerba from thence to Tripoli and from Tripoli to this said Island to discharge her Cargo Bulloches and so forth in this Island to consign them to said frieghter and his assigned and not otherwise.

The to be paid at the rate of Six hundred and fifty Scudi at tioclo Tarint each money of Malta per month and two C a half p Cent primag on this or the amount of the Freight which frieght apxinal is to be calculated monthly as aforsaid — The frieghter hereby promisses and obliges himself to pay the aforsaid terms is made cash in Malta on return of the said Brig, understood that the month commences from this day indusses forward, without exception subject to following conditions—

Secondly—

That way expences incurred on the cargo will be paid by the frieghter hereof but such expences belongeth the Brig shal be paid by the Ouners.

That the frieghter lends and obliges himself to procure for the said Brig an American has to proceed from this Island to the aforsaid places and to return to Malta.

Fourthly—

Either of this contractor in this, charter party diviating and not fullfiling the within condition shall be held liable to all expences and consequences attending thereon.

Further it shall at the option of the frieghter to expidite said Capt. with said vessel from Tripoli to—and from thence to Malta.

Done in Malta in the city of Valetta in presence of the following witnesses:
Gactano Andrica Schambrey
Capt. Gincinga Ballaia
Ogortins de Sasquale Isphdicd

Giovanni Francasse Cashia

Copy of the charter party.

Report of survey of provisions according to Commander Prebel's orders, at Malta, July 20, 1804.

We the under signed as per order of Commander Preble, to survey the provisions belong to the United States, in the Stores of Mr. Wm. Higgins agents for the United States at Malta have carefully surveyed and examined the following provisions and find them not fit for use, viz:

Fifty seven casks of Butter
Three casks of Cheese
Three bbls of Beef
Six bbls of Bread
Four bbls of Flour

Report of prisoners confined on board U. S. Schooner Nautilus by Lieutenant Somers, 29th March, 1804.

1. James Jones, 7th March, Comm'd Officers, Absent himself without leave, 2 Doz'n 20th March
2. Joseph Fletcher, 24th, from the Prize Brig.
3. Wm. Kelly, 24th.
4. Enoch Edwards, 24th, Wm. Cox for Drunkeness.
5. In's Neal, 26th, Lt. Decateur for threatening the Boastwain.

WM. HILL,
Serg't Marines

Declaration of Captain Lorenzo Barbara dated Syracuse, April 18, 1804.

I the undersigned do declare that we were going to Tripoli on account of the merchandise we had on board for that place in conformity with our instructions from thence to Gerba.

FORTUNATO BARBARA,
Clerk of the Brig Holy Crucifix

Letter from Edward Prebel, dated U. S. Ship Constitution April 21, 1804 to Captain Somers.

Sir:

You will proceed to Messino and repair the damages the Nautilus has sustaind in a gale of wind off Tripoli—make your requisitions on Mr. John Broadbent for supplies and he will furnish you—as soon as the Nautilus is ready for sea, proceed to this place, take on board as much provisions and water as you with prudence can, and sail directly to join the Squadron in the Blockade of Tripoli.

I have the honor to be yr ob'g Serv't

EDWARD PREBEL

Letter from Edward N. Cox dated May 21, 1804, to Richard Somers.

Sir:

The day we left Syracuse which was on the 25th of April we met with a severe gale of wind which offset my sails in such a manner that I thought it prudent to put into Malta in that situation. She was not fit to proceed to America and to go to the expence of purchasing things necesary here I thought would not meet your approbation.

The commodore arriving a few days afterwards advised me to have the Brig here to wait your arrival to dispose of her as you might think proper which I have done.

I have landed everything out of her and left her in charge of Wm. Kigging.

I shall on my arrival in America send on her papers with a letter requesting the agent if it should be necessary for me to appear in court to write me on the receit of which I will imediately forward to Philadelphia.

I am extreamly sorry to hear of your misfortune which happened but I still am in hopes the account I have had has been exagerated.

Permit me sir to thank you again for your attention and politiness while I had the honor of being under your command. And that you may speedily recover is the sincere wish of your oblidged friend and

Very humble servant,

E. N. COX

P. S.—thinking you would not wish to have Olstereal again and his wish to go to America I have given him permission to go in the ship.

Letter from Edward Prebel dated U. S. Ship Constitution, Messina Harbor, May 28, 1804, to Lieutenant Commandant Somers.

Sir:

You will proceed from this port direct for Syracuse with the Gun Boats of the United States No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, No. 5 and No. 6 placed under your command and on your arrival there wait my further orders. You will leave the Nautilus under the direction of Lieut. Reid until her repairs are compleated, and leave with him the Sailing Master, Boatswain, Gunner, Cook, Six or Eight Seamen, and a

Guard of Marines. You will give Wm. Reid orders to repair the Nautilus for sea as soon as possible.

I have the honor to be Sir
Your obe'd Serv't
EDWARD PREBEL

Various orders of Richard Somers dated July 10, 1804 for removal of material from the various gun boats to the Nautilus.

Sir, you will send from on Board the Gun Boat No. 3 everything belonging to the Nautilus on Board.

Sir I have the honor to be
Your Obl'g Serv't
RICHARD SOMERS

Sir
You will send from on Board the Gun Boat No. 4 everything belonging to the Nautilus on Board.

Sir I have the honor to be
Your Obl'g Ser't
RICHARD SOMERS

Sir,
You will send from on Board the Gun Boat No. 1 everything belonging to the Nautilus on Board.

Sir I have the honor to be
Yr. Ob't Ser't
RICHARD SOMERS

Sir,
You will please send from on Board the Gun Boat No. 2 everything Belonging to the Nautilus on Board.

Sir I have the honor to be
Yr Obl'g Ser't
RICHARD SOMERS

Copy of orders for pay to various people for repairs to the Schooner Nautilus, signed by Richards Somers, dated Messina, May 19, 1804 and several dates.

Sir:
Please to pay the Bearer for seven days' work done by Sawyers on Board the Nautilus

And you will oblidge
Your Obe't Ser't
RICHARD SOMERS

Sir:
Please to pay the Bearer for Seventy two days work done by carpenters on Board the Nautilus.

And you will oblidge
Your Ob't Ser't
RICHARD SOMERS

Sir,
Please to pay the Bearer for Sixty one days work done by cauking on Board the Nautilus

And you will oblidge your
Ob't Ser't
RICHARD SOMERS

Sir,
Please to pay the Bearer Sixty nine days work done by carpenters on Board the Nautilus

And you will oblidge your
Ob't Ser't
RICHARD SOMERS

Sir:
Please to pay the Bearer twelve Dollars for the Repairing Copper Nails, for the carpenter on Board the Nautilus.

And you will oblidge your
Ob't Ser't
RICHARD SOMERS

Sir,
Please to pay the Bearer for forty eight days work done by caukers on Board the Nautilus

And you will oblidge
Your Ob't Ser't
RICHARD SOMERS

Sir:
Please to pay the Bearer for twenty nine days done by Sawyers on Board the Nautilus

And you will oblidge your
Obt's Ser't
LIEUT. RICHARD SOMERS

Malta, July 20, 1804

Received on board U. S. Schooner Nautilus Lieut. Rich'd Somers Com'd, on Board Gun Boat No. 2 Two Buckets, Ten Fathoms, Twenty one threat natling, Eighteen yards old canvas, Two Eigh inch Blocks, Two five inch Dette, Two fathoms of three and a half inch Rope, Twelve yards of Cotton, forty fathoms of 2½ inch rope, Two Ditte of Calele Tunk, five Quires Cartrich paper, and Bale Spin Yarn.

JAMES B. DECATUR

Another order for anchoring dated July 27, 1804 signed by S. Prebel.

Order of Anchoring

Argues
Nautilus
Constitution

Store Ship Enterprise
to the Northward
Vixen
Scourge
Syrene

The Constitution will stand in and anchor first — the other vessels will then take their Stations. .....

Conformable to the above arrangement Argues to the eastward. Syrene to the westward. The line will paralel with the Shore.

S. PREBEL

Common order for sail and anchores on-board Constitution July 25, 1804 (unsigned).

Common order of Sailing

Argus
Enterprize—Constitution—Nautilus
Vixen
Scourge
Syrene

The Argus is to keep well ahead but within Signal distance—the other Ships are to consider two cables length to be sufficiently open and one Sufficiently close, unless Signal be made to close more.

Order of Sailing Abreast

Argus
Scourge
Enterprize
Constitution
Nautilus
Vixen
Syrene

The Enterprize and Nautilus are to keep within hail in fine weather.

Receipt dated August 3, 1804 for material from Nautilus received on-Board Gun Boat No. 2, signed James B. Decatur.

14 Muskets
12 Bayonetts
15 Boarding Axes
19 Cuttleses
15 Pistols
9 Cartrich Boxes
5 Do for pistols

JAMES S. DECATUR

List of Officers and Crew (part torn) on Schooner Nautilus 16th day February (page torn) Brig Moninato Crucifix (page torn) and Brig Transfer by U. S. Brig Syren in (page torn) on March 17th, together with memorandum of prize money against some of the names.

Richard Somers, Comm
James Decatur, 1 Lieut.
Geo. W. Reed, Master
17.90 p'd July 1807 to Joseph Reed
Edward N. Cox, Master
17.90 paid 9 July 1807 to E. N. Cox
Gershome R. Jaques, Surgeon, 7.52¾
James Tootell, Purser, 7.52¾
Octavius A. Page, Master's Mate ...
Stephen Cafsin, Do Do
James Pinkerton, Gunner
Robert Fell, Carpenter
William Johnson, Boatswain
William Miller, Midshipman, 11.29, paid Dec. 1800
John Green, Cap's Clerk
William Keith, Boat's Mate
Thomas Davis, Do Do
James Carroll, Gun. Mate
Andrew McIlvain, Ship's Steward
William Hill, Mast at Arms
Nuthrill Chapman, Armour
Michael Rier, Cooper
Henny Nelson, Gun's Yeoman
William Atkinson, Boat's
(Page torn—3 names out)
John Niel, Master
6.07 paid, 22 September 1807
Richard Brueey, Gunner
Emanuel Josephs, Do
James Sims, Do
James Bass or Bair, Cook
Michael Steward, Seaman
John Jones, Do
John Sampson, Ordanary Do
Freeman Clark, Do Do
3.23 Paid April 11, 1808
John Hurley, Boy
John Morris, Seaman
John Johnson, Do
Robert Corbett, Do
William Matthews, Do
Hendrick Noosten, Do
Prince Williams, Do
Joseph Ranglewan, Do
John Jones, Do
John Herndess, Do
Andrew Barrett, Do
James Crawley, Do
John Harvey, Do
William Sweezey, Do
Enoch Edwards, Ordinary Seaman
Emanuel Petterson, Do
Nicholas Harrisson, Do
Peter Hepper, Do
2.23 2-3 Paid April 6, 1807
John Pascol, Do
James Wilson, Do
Joseph Fletcher, Do
Thomas Dunazen, Do
Peter Syway, Do
James Foster, Do

John Rhodes, Do
William Tynell, Do
John Shaw, Boy
John Burnham, Do
Henny Newbury, Do
John Guggene, Do
Thomas Tompkins, Seaman
James Clark, Boy
2.23¾ Paid 10 May 1807
John Goakin, Ord' Seaman
William Bush, Seamen
Richard Burnhouse, Ord' Seaman
Henny Wikstrom, Seamen
3.23¾ paid 27 April 1807
Anthony Burns, Do
Timethy Holgan, Do
3.23¾ Paid April 25, 1807
Laurence Smith, Ord' Seaman
3.23¼ Paid July 25, 1807
William Steward, Boy, 3.23¾
(Two names left out, page torn)
George Steward, Private, 3.23¼
John McAntee, Do
John Coombes, Do
3.23¾ paid Doct Jaques 18 Nov. 1808
Thomas McDonald, Do
James Jones, Do
3.23¾ paid August 28, 1806
Francis Blackwood, Do
3.23¾ paid August 30, 1806
Jesse Kingsberry, Do
3.23¾ paid Sept. 1, 1806
Coma Mynick, Do
3.23¾ paid October 20, 1806
Samuel Hudnes, Do
Peter Hudnes, Do
Peter Wynkoop, Do
6.07 Paid 18 Dec. 1807. C. Bus
Martin Myers, Do
3.23¾ P'd Sept. 20, 1806
John Johnson, Do

N. B.—Nuthell Chapman Armour was not onboard at the capture of the Transfer Brig. Total 88 persons.

The imports to Magadore.

	Present Prices
Gunpowder Tea, very fine	$3 pd a
Very fine—Tea	2.50 pd a
Black Pepper	40. a
Cloves, fresh, 4 large	1.75 pd a
White Havanah Sugar	.25 pd a
Brown Havanah Sugar	.20 p. a
Capia Legnie	90 & 100 lb a
Cochiniat	$7 a
Yellow Nanheens	$1.25
Iallaposs Mamodies	$6.½
Moah Tanahs	$2.50 a $4
Cheeh Tanahs	2.50 a $4.50
Chentz of various paterns	$20 a $25
Russia Thick Bar Iron	$10 a $13 100 a
do Thin do	
White Quadruple	$10 - $12 a $16
Rowanes	$19 a $26
Crias	$20 a $26
Brittanias	$3 a $5
New Orleans Cotton	50 pds per. W

All objects should bring one third their whole stock in Spices. The most advantages is Piattas, which have the Stamp of the King of Spain Head four of which pass for a Dokas.

Good Refined Loave Suar is in small Leaves and tied up in Blue paper with such good quality. 40 cents per weight.

Exports from Magador consist in

Gum Arabic White	$31 per 100 pd
do — Barbary Brown	21 a 22
Gum Sandrah	36—
Sweet Almonds	13—
Better do	14—
Olive Oyl	11—
Cow Hides above Shins	9.50—
Goat Skins	6.50 per doz
do	4.90—
d9d uo	
Yellow Bees Wax	33—
Sheep's Wool	11—

Ostrich Feathers uncertain as quality
Moroco Leather
100 a of Mogador will make out 116 a 118 in America.

Various orders of Richard Somers dated July 17, 1804 for removal of material from the various gun boats to the Nautilus.

Sir

You will send on Board the Gun Boat 1-2-3 and No. 2 Bombard
vz—for No. 1
2 fathoms of Tunk
10 yds of canvass
1 half hour glass
2 six inch —
1 Log reel lines
40 fathoms of 2.7 Rope
30 fathoms of spun yarn
12 yds of cotton
Muskett Balls
Gun Boat No. 2
40 fathoms of 2.7 inch Rope
2 fathoms of Tunk
38 do of Sun Yarn
2 7-inch Block
1 nine do
1 five do
2 quires cartridge paper
Match Rope
12 yds cotton
2 quires of cartridge paper
Gun Boat No. 3—Bombard No. 2
20 fathoms of 2 inch Rope
2 do of Tunk
3 Buckets
10 yds of canvas old

2 thimbles
6 doz candles
Spunges
Truncks
yds cotton
for the Gunner of No. 2 Bombard
15 lbs of Match Rope
5 quires of cartridge paper
8 pounds of Tallow
2 lbs of twine
2.Z. fathoms of 3 inch rope

Receipt of Charles L. Kidgely dated August 2, 1804 for material received from Nautilus by Gun Boat No. 1.

Rece'd 2nd August 1804 from on Board the U. S. S. Nautilus for the use of Gun Boat No. 1 fifteen musckets with cartridge Boxes, eighteen cutlasses, fifteen Boarding axes, Twenty pistols and Top chais and twelve fathoms of Rattles Huff.

CHAS. L. KIDGELY

A list of the Officers and men belonging to the U. States Schooner Nautilus, on the 16th February, 1804 at the capture of the Brig Noninatol Crucifisso—and at the capture of the Brig Transfer by the U. S. Brig Syrene in company with said Schooner on 17th of March.

No. on Ship's Book	Names	Rank
1	Richard Somers,	Commander
2	James B. Decatur,	1st Lieut.
3	Geo. W. Reed,	2nd Lieut.
5	Edward N. Cox,	Master
4	Gershorn R. Jaques,	Surgeon
6	James Tootele,	Purser
7	Octavious Page,	Master's Mate
8	Stephen Cassin,	Do
13	James Pinkerton,	Gunner
14	Robert Fell,	Carpenter
76	WM. Johnson,	Boatswain
11	Wm. Miller,	Midshipmen
12	John Green,	Capt. Clerk
22	Wm. Keith,	Boatswain Mate
71	Thomas Davis,	Do
23	James Carrol,	Gun's Mate
21	Andrew McIlvain,	Ship's Steward
79	Wm. Hill,	Master Armour
24	Nuthill Chapman,	Armour
25	Michael Rise,	Cooper
59	Henny Wilson,	Gunner's Yeoman
63	Wm. Aitkinson,	B. Yeo
38	Geo. Chisholm,	Quartermaster
70	James Harris,	Do
72	John Niel,	Do
45	Rich'd Bruay,	Qr. Gunner
26	Emanuel Joseph,	Do
27	James Rien,	Do
19	James Bass,	Cook
15	Michael Steward,	Seaman
16	James Jones,	Do
17	John Sampson,	Do
18	Freeman Clark,	Do
20	John Hurley,	Boy
28	John Morris,	Sea
30	John Johnson,	Sea
32	Robt. Corbet,	Do
33	Wm. Mathew,	Do
34	Hendrich Noostr,	Do
35	Prince Williams,	Do
36	Joseph Ranglewan,	Do
37	John Jones,	Do
39	John Henden,	Seaman
40	Andrew Barrete,	Do
41	James Crawley,	Do
42	John Harvey,	Do
43	Wm. Sweesey,	Do
46	Enoch Edwards,	O. S.
47	Emanuel Petterson,	Do
48	Nicholas Harrison,	Do
49	Peter Hupper or Huppon,	Do
50	John Pascoe,	Do
52	James Wilson,	Do
53	Jos. Fletcher,	Do
54	Thomas Dunogen,	Do
55	Peter Tyway,	Do
56	James Foster,	Do
57	John Rhodes,	Do
58	Wm. Tyrrell,	O. Seaman
60	John Shaw,	Boy
61	John Burnham,	Boy
62	Henry Newberry,	Boy
64	John Guygen,	Boy
65	Thomas Toinpkins,	Seaman
66	James Clark,	Boy
67	John Godkin,	O. Seaman
68	Wm. Bush,	Seaman
69	Rich'd Bumhouse,	O. Seaman
73	Henry Welstron,	Seaman
74	Anthony Burnes,	Do
75	Timothy Holgan,	Do
77	Lawrence Smith,	O. Seaman
78	W. M. Steward,	Boy

H. B. Nuthill Champman, Armour was not on board at the Capture of the Transfer Brig

Marines

2	Henry Goodrich,	Corporal
3	In'o McDonald,	Do
4	Geo. Steward,	Private
5	Wm. Ramsey,	Do
6	Jn'on Anter,	Do
7	Jn'o Coombs,	Do
8	Thomas McDonald,	Do
9	James Jones,	Do
10	Francis Blackwood,	Do
11	Jesse Kingsberry,	Do
12	Couvar Injich,	Do
13	Samuel Hudner,	Do
14	Peter Wynkoop,	Do

15 Martin Meyers, Do
16 John Johnson, Do

We the undersigned in behalf of the officers, Seamen and marines composing the crew of the U. S. Schooner Nautilus, do hereby authorize and empower Messers. Keen and Stillwill of the city of Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania merchants to receive such prize money or monies which has or may accrue to us from the Prize Brig Nomenato Crucifisso captured by the said Schooner, and the Prize Brig Transfer captured by the U. S. Brig Syrene in co with the Said Schooner Nautilus and we do hereby appoint the said Keen and Stillwell our agents and attornies to receive and hold for us subject to our order any and all monies due or which may become due to us from the aforesaide Prizes.

GEO. W. REED. Lieut.
GEO. CHISHOLM, 2'd Master
HENNY WILSON, Gunn Yeoman

On the distribution of the Officers, Seamen, Ordinary Seamen, the Marines, on board the United States Ship Boston, of Thirty Two guns, Daniel Mc. Niel Esquire Commander.

QUARTER BILL

Names Station

Daniel McNiel, Capt. to Commander in Chief
William McNiel, Master to assist working Ship
William Amory, 1st Lieut. of Marines
Isaac Gale, 1st Sergent
Isaac Coudry, 1st Corporal
Jeremiah Beals, 2nd ditto
Charles Durant, Drummer
Charles Smith, Marine
Andrew Moore, ditto
Elisis Elwell, ditto
John Cook, ditto
William Burns, ditto
Joseph Cuttler, ditto
John Wells, ditto
James Errin, ditto
Henry Doyle, ditto
John Haynes, ditto
Elenez' Crosset, ditto
William Long, ditto
Jacob Seebrough, ditto
Denelle Whitney, ditto
John Connolly, ditto
William Saven, ditto
Avis Howard, ditto
John Tracey, ditto
William Dunson, ditto
John Atwood, ditto
John Steward, ditto
Samuel Cummings, ditto
Joshua Nillings, ditto
Amariah Chappin, ditto
Benjamin White'
Midshipman to attend to Starboard side & fose top sail Brocat
Laurence Brown, Quarter Master
William Scott, 1st Boarder, Seaman
John Hammond, ditto
Andrew Wheeler, 2nd Boarder, Or'd Seaman
Christopher Gasden
Midshipman to attend the Starboard for and fose top sales bracets
Nathaniel Loley, 1st Master's Mate
Alexander McLoud, 1st Boarder, Quarter Master
William Smith, Seaman
James Buttler, 2nd Boarder, ditto
Ralph Rodgers, Ord Seaman
Moses May, ditto
Dan'l Polk
Midshipman to attend Starboard main and main Top sail bracets
Hugh Tarbet, 2nd Master's Mate
Samubel Marshall, 1st Boarder, Quarter Master
John Carr, 2nd Boarder, Seaman
Henry Lanings, ditto
William Reaer, ditto
Levi Hall, ditto
George Mann
Midshipman to attend L. Main and Main top sail bracets
Richard Wilson, 1st Boarder, Quarter Master
Isaac Western, 2nd Boarder, Seaman
Richard Wallipie, ditto
Jeremiah Fisher, ditto
David Fisk
Midshipman to attend L. Cross Jack and Mizen top sail Bracets
David Fisk, Seaman
Elvin Nicholdson, Ord Seaman
James Gannon, Seaman
Pardon Bennet, 2nd Master at Wheel
Elizha Cooper, Seaman
James Haight
Midshipman to act as aide due camp to the Capt. to carry orders assist as it may require
In, Monhesor Haswell
Samuel Elberpt
Midshipman to attend 2nd deck guns
Malache Foote
2nd gun attend 2nd deck guns
William Wilson Cass of S. o 26 and opposite
James Byrnes, 1st Boarder, Seaman
Mogue Carty, Fireman, Ord Seaman

John Wiley, 2nd Board, ditto
Joseph Ursan, Powder Monkey
Thomas Smith, Capt. No. 2 and opposite
George Cornelius, 1st Boarder, Ord Seaman
Richard Spratley, 2nd Boarder, Seaman
Allen McClain, Fireman, ditto
Sargent Smith, Powder Monkey
Hans Hams, Capt. 28 and opposite
Thomas Williams, 1st Boarder, Seaman
Cornelius Coglin, Fireman, Ord Seaman
Joseph Josephs, 2nd Boarder, ditto
Samuel Whitney, Boy

Before No. 21

Edward Wyes, 4th Lieut. to attend Fore Castle
—— Weston, Midshipman
James Potts, Boatswain
John Coleman, 1st Boatswain Mate
Thomas Roberts, 1st Boarder, 2nd Boatswain Mate
William Livingston, Seaman
Hugh Freeze, 2nd Boarder, ditto
Thomas Hutchings, 2nd Boarder, Seaman
James Johnson, ditto
James Hackett, Capt. 2nd Ops' Fore Castle
John Horner, 1st Boarder, Seaman
Samuel Ingles, Fire Man, Ord' Seaman
James Duncan, 2nd Boarder, ditto
Robert Black, Boy
Heney Cobb, Midshipman, Fore Top
William Newman, Cap
Henry Jenks, Seaman
John Day, ditto
John Ennis, ditto
Ralph Izard, Midshipman to—Mais Top
Joseph Robertson, Capt.
John Cooper, Seaman
John Fish, ditto
Elexander Ennis, ditto
Thomas Hunt, Mid Comm'd Mizen, Top
George Cameron, Capt.
Michael McCarty, Ord' Seaman
Richard Somers, 1st Lieut. Com'd 1st division Gun deck
Archibald B. Lord, Midshipman
Neble Glen, ditto
John Daniels, 2nd Gunner
John Robertson, Capt. No. 1 opposite
John Hendricks, 2nd ditto
Oliver Phelps, Ord. Seaman
Dennis Carney, 1st Boarder, Seaman
Patrick Reed, Fire Man, ditto
Daniel Shehan, Boy
Martin Rosseter, Capt. No. 2 and Opposite
Nathaniel Bailey, 1st Boarder 2nd, ditto
Benjamin Davis, Seaman
Aron C. Coleman, Fire Man, Ord. Seaman
Peter Philmore, ditto
Robert McKean, 2nd Boarder, ditto
Matthew McNamar, Boy
Malachi Brown, Capt. No. 3 and Opo'
Michael Holmes, 1st Boarder, 2nd, ditto
John Frederick, Seaman
Peter Devandenboden, Fire Man, Ord Seaman
Thomas Brubanks, 2nd Boarder, Ord. Seaman
Peter Hogan, dito
Stephen Burgoine, Boy
Charles Walker, Capt. No. 1 and ops't
James Gregory, 2nd , Board 2nd, ditto
Robert Hillman, Seaman
John Wood, 2nd, Boarder, Sea, Ord. ditto
Michael Shynock, Fire Man, ditto
William Blackwood, ditto
Timothy Leary, Boy
John S. H. Cox, 2nd Lieut. Com'd, 2nd Div' Gun Deck
William Newman, Midshipman
John Davis, 2nd Gunner
John Donavan, Capt. No. 5 and opposite
Joseph Rogers, 1st Boarder, 2nd, ditto
Thomas Fuller, Seaman
John King, 2nd, Boarder, Ord. Seaman
William Richards, ditto
William Steward, Fire Man. ditto
William Smith, Boy
Benjamin Gray, Capt. No. 6 and Opposite
William Shaw, 1st Boarder, 2nd, ditto
Henry Tessindon, 2nd do, Seaman
John McCleland, Ordinary Seaman
Peter Vellum, ditto
Thomas Sweeny, Fire Man, ditto
Louis Foot, Boy
Abraham Ridely, Capt. No. 7 and Opposite
Samuel Harris, 1st Boarder—2nd, ditto
John Barry, Seaman
Increase Newhall, Ordinary Seaman
John Smith, 2nd, Boarder, ditto
Lewis Mongee, Fire Man, ditto
Joseph Wales, Boy
James Stevens, Capt. No. 8 and Opposite
Richard Pottes, 1st Boarder, 2nd ditto
Richard O'Niel, 2nd, ditto, Seaman
Athurton Bird, Ordinary ditto
Patrick Lawler, ditto
Samuel Faxon, Fire Man, ditto
John C. Miller, Boy
William C. Jenks, 2nd Lieut. commanding 3 Dev Gun Deck
Malanheon Woolsey, Midshipman
Thomas Hartney, 2nd Gunner

William S. Potts, Capt. No. 9
and Opposite
Alexander Stewart, 1st Boarder,
2nd Capt.
John Halibert, 2nd Boarder, Seaman
Daniel Brimmer, Ordinary Seaman
Henry Carr, ditto
William Guard, Fire Man, ditto
John Weisner, Boy
Charles Lands, Capt. No. 10
and Opposite
Davis Solomon, 1st Boarder, 2nd, ditto
William Boice, Seaman
Matthew Josephs, 2nd Boarder,
Ordinary Seaman
John Taylor, Fire Man, ditto
George Bell, ditto
John Picken, Boy
John Gates, Capt. No. 11 and Opposite
James Remmington, 1st Boarder,
2nd Capt.
John Matthew, 2nd Boarder, Seaman
Tunis Nelson, ditto
Thomas Johnson, Ordinary ditto
Francis Roderiefe, Fire Man, Seaman
John McNiel, Boy
William Harvey, Capt. No. 12
and Opposite
John Fredericks, 1st Boarder, 2nd ditto
Sylvester Havens, Seaman
Pero Brown, Fire Man,
Ordinary Seaman
John Simmons, 2nd Boarder, ditto
Robert Kibbly, ditto
Joseph Whipple, Boy
Samuel Oakes,
Carpenter to attend Primps, Shot holes
Benjamin Carr, Mate
Thomas Viran
Isaac Steel, Sail Maker
Richard Stevison,
Gun'er Maggazine fitting Room
Hendrick Peters, 2nd, ditto
William Kemp, Gunner's Yeoman
Nicholas Harper,
Steward of Light House
John Woolcoot,
From the Maggazine Scuttle up to the Gun.
Henry Buel, Deck
John Goddard, Surgeon, Cockpite
James H. Bradford, 1st Mate
Charles Wadsworth, Purser
Henrey R. Stevenson, Loblolebay
Capt. Clerk
David Quckmire)
Garent Hayden)
Benj. Trask)
Fire Men
John Bennet)
Thos. McDowall ,

To pass Shot from the Locker
John Rock
John Rock

Inventory of the Personal property of Richard Somers, Esqu., Deceased later commander of the U. S. Schooner Nautilus. Sept. 5th, 1804.

One portable Writing Desk containing Sundry Books and papers viz.
1 Bundle private Accounts.
One Do public Letters.
One Do Inventory from Gun Bomb Vessels.
Three private account Books.
Two Warrants; A declaration by K. Bowen.
One Bundle private letters.
One package containing instruction.
One Bundle Sealed Letters.
Sundry loose papers in the draw S. desk.
One case pockett instruments.

Found in the Cabin Table
Drawers

One bundle private Signals between U. S. Ships of War and the English Ships of War.
A Commission as Master Commander.
One Bundle containing Convoy Signals.
One doe private Signals between the U. S. Ships of War.
One pocket Book containing Sundry private papers.
Sundry private Letters and Papers
One package letters from the Secretary of the Navy.
One Do marker Disbursements at Massina or Messine.
One Do Marker Accounts and Bills and Inventories.
One Do containing receipts of Ja's Tootele purser.
One Do private memmorandums.
One Do reports of Master at Arms of prisoners.
One Do of receipts of Geo. W. Reed Recruiting Officer.
Four Books, of instructions, from Navy Department.
One Bundle Gun Boat papers.
One Do letters from Commodor Prebble.
Nine Books of Expenditures and one Station Journal.
Sundry Books, all found in the Cabbin
Two Italian Dictionaries.
One pocket Do. English.
One Marine Do.
One Book of Harbours.
One Volume Naval Tacticks.

Three Do of the Laws of Congress.
One Do requisite Tables.
One Do American practical navigator.
One Nautical Almanach.
One new and complete pilot.
One Atlas.
One Book of charts.
One Chart of the Coast of Africa.
Two Do of the Mediterranean.
One Book of Expenditures.
One Dressing Case.
Two pair Boots and one Boot Jack.

In the Hair Trunk

Three Small pocket Books (contents unknown).
One pair Shoe Buckles.
One Bundle letters and papers.
Two papers Navy Buttons.
Four White Cassimere Vests.
One Black Sattin—Do.
Three Swan down—Do.
Three pairs White Cassimere pantaloons.
One pair white Cassimere Breeches.
Two blue Uniform coats.
Four pair Blue Pantaloons.
Two white feathers.
Two Epauletts.
One Sword Knott.
One Silver Tea spoon.
Two Blanketts.
One Dirk.
One Dark bed Spread.

In the Leather Trunk

One Bundle papers (private).
Two white bed Spreads.
Two pair Sheets.
One pilow case.
Three white vests.
One pair white Breeches.
Seven pair white pantaloons.
Three white Over Jacketts.
Six Shirts.
Eighteen Cravats.
Two pair worsted Hose.
Six flannel Shirts.
Two pair gloves.
Two pair Naikun pantaloons.
Four pair Silk Hose.
Two pair linnen Drawers.
One Bandana Handkerchief.
Three uniform Coats.
One Gingham Do.
One pilow case.
One vest white.
Six Shirts.
Two pair white pantaloons.
One flannel vest.
Two pockett Hkfs.
One pair Silk Hose.
One Sexton
Two Mattrasses.
One Umbrella.
One Case Pistols.
One Cocket hat.
Two Round hats.
One Plaid Cloake.

(Signed) GEO. W. REED, Lieut.
E. R. JAQUES, Surgeon.
JAMES TOOTELE, Purser.

Will of Richard Somers

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN:

I, Richard Somers of Great Egg Harbor in the County of Gloucester, and State of New Jersey, now third Lieutenant on board the Frigate United States commanded by Commodore Barry, considering the uncertainty of this transitory life, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament as follows:

First, I do order and direct all my just and funeral expenses to be paid.

Item—I do give and devise unto my nephew, Constant Somers, his heirs and assigns forever, all that piece of land situate in Great Egg Harbor aforesaid, adjoining John Steelman's land on the north east side to be taken off the land devised to me by my father, Richard Somers to run from Gregories Bay, the same source of the ditch and fence leading up to the Main Road and to extend across to Cedar Swamp Creek, containing about 100 acres of land more or less. Also all that piece of one hundred acres, more or less, devised to me by my father purchased of Benjamin Rue in company wih Thomas Somers, laying on the Road leading from Blackman's Meeting House up the river. Also a piece of 100 acres my right on Tuckeyho Meadows, between Tuckeyho River and Middle River and also the privilege of cutting and taking away fifteen hundred rails and ten thousand feet of Cedar Lumber out of my Cedar Swamp on Gravelly Run.

Item—I do give and bequeath my niece—Sarah Somers, her heirs and assigns forever — all those my two tracts of Land lying in Lycoming County and State of Pennsylvania containing between six and seven hundred acres of Land, more or less, distinguished by my name wrote on the back of the patents.

And all the rest of my Lands both in Pennsylvania and New Jersey and all other my estate, both real and personal, I do give, devise and bequeath to my sister, Sarah Keen, her heirs, Executors, Administrators and assigns forever.

And lastly, I do nominate and appoint my brother-in-law, William Jonas Keen, sole executor of my last will and testament.

Dated: June 29, 1799.

(Signed) RICHARD SOMERS

Sitnesses:

DANIEL ADDIS
JOSEPH STEARS
HEZEKIAH LEWIS

Probated—Nov. 19, 1805

The above will on file in Philadelphia was copied by L. B. Moffett, Sr., for these articles.

P. O. Box 82
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania
June 3, 1942

Mr. Frank Stewart
Kingsway Apartments
Haddonfield, New Jersey
Dear Mr. Stewart,

I am enclosing you, herewith, an account of a ring which belonged to Richard Somers, which is self-explanatory.

This ring was loaned by the late Vice-Chancellor Leaming to the Museum at the State House, Sixth and Chestnut streets, Philadelphia, during his lifetime, on the promise he was to later present the ring to the Cape May Historical Society; unfortunately, he died before so doing.

I have been wondering whether you would care to end the article on the "Papers" that are being published by "The Constitution," with the enclosed memorandum together with the affidavit. If you think it of interest. As I have said this heirloom ring is on exhibition at the State House in Philadelphia.

I might say that the late Vice-Chancellor Leaming married a daughter of Jonathan F. Leaming who was a son of William and Sarah Sophia (Somers) Leaming; Sarah Sophia being the daughter of Constant Somers who was a brother of Commander Richard Somers. After William Leaming's death, she married Nicholas Corson as her second husband, and thus this ring came into the possession, as explained in the within article, of the late Vice-Chancellor Leaming.

Sincerely,
H. C. CAMPION, JR.

Mr. Leaming has in his possession an old ring, which is known as Washington's ring and which was given by George Washington to Lieutenant

Richard Somers, of the early United States navy, who presented it to his sister, Sarah Keen; she gave it to her niece, Sarah S. Corson, who gave it to her son, Dr. Jonothan F. Leaming, father-in-law of our subject. In the set which adorns the ring is a lock of Washington's hair, protected by a transparent plate. Following is a copy of the affidavit concerning this ring:

State of New Jersey

Cape May County, SS:

Jonathan F. Leaming, of full age, being duly sworn according to law, on his oath says that he is the son of William Leaming and Sarah Sophia Leaming, who was the daughter of Constant and Sarah Somers, of the county of Gloucester, now Atlantic county that the said Constant Somers was the brother of Sarah Keen, wife of Jonas Keen, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and of Richard Somers, of the early United States navy; that the said Richard Somers, then a lieutenant in the navy upon his departure to the Mediterranean under Commodore Preble, in the war with Tripoli, in 1803, deposited all his valuables with his said sister, Sarah Keen. In this war Lieutenant Somers lost his life September 4, 1804.

Constant Somers being dead, all the personal property of Lieutenant Somah Keen; the said Sarah Keen died intestate and without issue, and her estate fell to her niece, the said Sarah Sophia Leaming, who had inter-married with Nicholas Corson, of this county (Cape May), and deponent administered the estate of the said Sarah Keen, deceased. Among the personal effects of the said Sarah Keen was a peculiar, antique finger ring, which was always called Washington's ring. It is a flat, gold ring, with a square setting of dark blue enamel. On the outside edge of this dark-blue enamel square is a small stripe of white enamel, and in the centre of said square is a round box and glass containing hair surmounted by thirteen pearls. On each side of said square, on the shanks of the ring are alternate gold and light-blue enamel stripes, within which field of stripes, on each side, is a small circle of dark-blue enamel. The hair contained in this ring is said to be that of George Washington.

This deponent avers that he has frequently heard the said Sarah Keen declare that this ring was presented to her brother Lieutenant Richard Somers, by George Washington, the first president of the United States, and that the hair within the setting was that of Washington, and that her brother had left the ring in her care when he embarked for Tripoli. The said Washington's ring was given to this deponent by his mother, the said Sarah Sophia Corson, and is now deposited with his son-in-law, J. Spicer Leaming, of Cape May City, New Jersey.

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED

December 25, 1891

In the Continental Hall, 6th and Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia, is the original of this picture and it has been promised by the owner, Vice-Chancellor E. B. Leaming to the Historical Museum. George Washington urged Lieutenant Richard Somers to join the Navy. He presented him with this ring enclosing a lock of his hair (one of the four locks of his hair in existence today) it is surrounded by 13 pearls, one for each State in the Union. Lieutenant Somers left home in 1803 and knowing that he was going on a dangerous mission he left this and other belongings with his sister. The expedition was against the pirates of Tripoli, the pirates stayed in the harbor protected by the forts. On the night of September 4th, 1804 Lieutenant Somers with twelve companions sailed the Ketch "Interpid" into the harbor of Tripoli; she was loaded with gunpowder, the idea was to mingle with the pirate ships and blow them to pieces. Those left on the ships watched in the darkness of the night. There was a flash of mounting fire, the heavy boom of the distant explosion, and none of that heroic band ever returned to tell the tale, and this is the ring of a hero.

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